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JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK  
CONSTITUTING HIS EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF  
ACTS AND LAWS OF THE ORIGINAL COLONIES AND STATES

First Session, Numbers 1 to 266, inclusive

MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27th, AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

### COLONIAL

1. COLONIAL. LAWS OF 1641. An | Abstract | or the | Lawes | of  
| New England, | As they are nowv established. | [Woodcut.]  
| Small 4to (7 by 5), rebound in antique paneled calf, red edges, a  
few margins cut close, shaving a few of the outer letters on notes.  
London, | Printed for F. Coules, and W. Ley at Paules Chain,  
1641

THE BARLOW COPY OF THIS IMPORTANT ITEM OF COLONIAL LAWS.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, with type and letter caption,  
pp. 15; Table, pp. [16-17], verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Church*, No. 450; *Sabin*, No. 52595.

COPIES LOCATED: B. M.; B. P.; M. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. L. S.; N. Y. H.;  
N. Y. P.; L. C.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; Ayer and Huth Libraries.

"The first printed collection of Laws of New England. The laws are very  
concise, and each is based upon some passage in the Bible, to which reference  
is made in the margin. These Laws were never 'established,' or in force, in  
New-England. The code was drawn up by Mr. [John] Cotton for Massachu-  
setts, and 'presented to the General Court,' but was not adopted."—SABIN.

2. COLONIAL. LAWS OF 1704. An | Abridgement | of the | Laws  
| In Force and Use in | Her Majesty's Plantations; | (*Vis.*) Of  
| Virginia, New-England, | Jamaica, New-York, | Barbadoes, |  
Carolina, &c. | Maryland. | Digested under proper Heads in  
the Me- | thod of Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Washington's | Abridge-  
ments. | 8vo (7½ by 4½), old paneled calf, binding slightly worn.  
London, Printed for John Nicholson . . . ||| . . . 1704

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Laws of Virginia,  
pp. 1-82; Tables [2], pp. 83-91, verso of last blank; Laws of Jamaica, pp. 94-  
173, verso of last blank; Tables [2], pp. 175-177, verso of last blank, 179-180;  
Laws of Barbadoes, pp. 181-278; Tables [2], pp. 279-284; Laws of Maryland,  
pp. 1-80, 65-69, 57, 71 (complete, but wrongly paged, verso of last blank);  
Laws of New-England, pp. 1-85, 87, 88, 88, 89, 90, 91, 96, 93, 94, 95, 92, 101,  
98, 104, 97, 103, 102, 100 (complete, but wrongly paged); Appendix, pp. 285-304.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 1; *Sabin*, No. 81.

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4. COLONIAL. CAROLINA. BRIEFS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS IN THE CASE OF DANSON VERSUS TROTT, 1728. Mary Danson, Widow of John Danson Esq; Appellant. | Nicholas Trott and Ann his Wife, Elizabeth Moore Widow, Henry Bertie Esq; James Bertie Esq; and Hugh Watson Gent. Respondents. | As Follows

[1] The Appellant's Case. By C. Talbot and J. Finch. Docketed on back, and with date inserted in ink,—Dasnon Vid' Appellant. | Trott & Ux' & Al' Respondts. | The Appellant's | Case. | To be heard at the Bar of the House | of Lords, on *Monday the 27 of May 1728.* | pp.4.

[2] The Respondents. Case. By. Thos. Lutwyche and Cavendish Ford. Docketed on back, and with date partly inserted in ink,—Monday the 27th of May 1728. Endorsed on last page is a manuscript statement, 9 lines, of the action taken by the House in the discharge of Mary Danson and the return of her bond. pp.4.

[3] The Case of the Respondents Henry Bertie and Hugh Watson. By P. Yorke and N. Fazakerley. Docketed on back, and with printed date of *Monday the 24th of March, 1728*, changed in ink to, *Wednesday the 26th of March 1729.* pp.3.

[4] The Case of the Respondent James Bertie. By Davies Davenport. Docket on back, and with printed date, *Monday March 24, 1728*, changed in ink to *Wednesday 26 March 1729.* pp.3. At the foot of page 3 and the top of page 4, are 24 lines in manuscript, dated, *27 March 1729*, being a statement of the action taken by the House of Lords.

[5] One copy each, without the manuscript notes and dates, of the above Appellant's and Respondent's Case. 4pp. each. Together, 6 pieces, folio, sheets. In cloth folder, lettered.

[London, 1728-1729]

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT COLLECTION. THESE ARE THE ORIGINAL PRINTED BRIEFS CONSTITUTING THE ENTIRE CASE ON APPEAL IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The mismanagement by the Lords Proprietors of their Grant for the Carolinas and the conflicting grants of other Proprietors for lands in the same region led to much misunderstanding and litigation. The above case is one of the most noteworthy. See Note to following item.

5. COLONIAL. CAROLINA. GREAT BRITAIN. SESSION LAWS, 1729. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, | Secundo. | At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, | the twenty third Day of January, Anno Dom. 1727. | | | | And from thence continued by several Prorogations to the Twenty | first Day of January, 1728. | being the Second Session of this | present Parliament. [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 by 7 1/4), full polished mottled calf, gilt, BY MORRELL. London, | Printed by the Assigns of His Majesty's Printer, and | of Henry Hills deceas'd. 1729

FINE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL PRINTED FORM of "An Act for establishing an

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### 5. COLONIAL. CAROLINA: *Continued.*

Agreement with | Seven of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, | for the Surrender of their Title and Interest | in the Province to His Majesty.]"

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 543-562.

In 1663, Charles II, in the second year after his restoration, granted the region south of Virginia and extending from  $31^{\circ}$  to  $36^{\circ}$  north latitude, and westward within these parallels across the continent, to some of his adherents to whom he was indebted for distinguished service. This region was called *Carolina* in the grant, and the favored noblemen were, Edward, Earl of Clarendon, George, Duke of Albermarle, William Lord Craven, John Lord Berkeley, Anthony Lord Ashley, Sir George Carteret, Sir William Berkeley, and Sir John Colleton. An adverse claim was soon made to the same territory under a grant obtained in 1629, by Sir Robert Heath, but failing to form a colony, the claims of those to whom he had conveyed rights were set aside. Settlements were made in Carolina prior to this grant by settlers from Virginia and Massachusetts. In 1729 all of the Proprietors, except Lord Granville, surrendered their title in the soil to the Crown; and in 1744, his eighth part was set off to him. Lord Granville retained his title down to the Revolution, his after claims in the Circuit Court of the United States were not closed until the War of 1812.

### 6. COLONIAL. CHARTERS, 1741. A | List | of | Copies of Charters, | from the | Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, | Presented to the Honourable the | House of Commons, | In | Pursuance of their Address to His Majesty, of the | 25th of April 1740. | Viz. | Maryland Charter, granted :: by King Charles I. in the 8th :: Year of His Reign. :: Connecticut Charter; :: granted by King Charles II. in :: the 14th Year of His Reign. :: Rhode-Island Charter, :: granted by King Charles II. in :: the 15th Year of His Reign. :: Pennsylvania Charter, | granted by King Charles II. in | the 33d Year of His Reign. | Massachusetts Bay Charter, granted by King William and | Queen Mary, in the 3d Year of | Their Reign. | Georgia Charter, granted by | His present Majesty, in the | 5th Year of His Reign. | Small folio (3 $\frac{1}{8}$ by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), half morocco, binding slightly rubbed.

London: | Printed in the Year M.DCC.XLI. [1741]

[See Illustration]

FINE LARGE COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS, SOME UNCUT, OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Maryland Charter, 12pp; Connecticut Charter, pp. 10; Rhode-Island Charter, pp. 14; Pennsylvania Charter, pp. 12; Massachusetts Bay Charter, pp. 21, verso of last blank; Georgia Charter, pp. 18. The pagination of each section is separate both as to signature and page-number.

REFERENCES: Sabin, No. 41429; Tower, No. 8 (imperfect copy); Not in the Church Collection.

COPIES LOCATED: The copy in the Harvard College Library, like the present, is perfect; that in the Pennsylvania Historical Society Library lacks the Georgia Charter; N. Y. P.; J. C. B. (2 copies). These as far as known are the only other copies extant.

Inserted in the present copy is a map of Georgia (15 by 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches) engraved by R. W. Seale.

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## CONNECTICUT

7. CONNECTICUT. FITCH (THOMAS—Colonial Governor of Connecticut). Letter Signed, one page 4to, New Haven, October 29, 1755. To Governor Hopkins.

An Interesting French and Indian War letter, written the year of Brad-dock's defeat, and referring to the same. Reads in part,—

*" . . . I doubt not the other Governments as well as this, feel the heavy Burthen of the past Operation and are apprehensive of the Necessity of further Progress for our Defence and Security."*

8. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford, on the Tenth | Day of May . . . | . . . 1733. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.  
[Colophon.] N. London: | Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. and | Company. 1733

COLLATION: pp. 405-416.

REFERENCES: Bates, No. 87; Tower, No. 49; Evans, No. 3647.

COPIES LOCATED: C. S.; C. H. S.; S. L. M.; Y. U.; H. S. P.; B. A. N. Y.; B. A.; B. P.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P.

9. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, on | the Eleventh Day of October . . . || . . . 1733. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed & Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Comp. 1733

COLLATION: pp. 417-420.

REFERENCES: Bates, No. 88; Tower, No. 50; Evans, No. 3648.

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10. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford on | the Ninth Day of May . . . || . . . 1734. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company. 1734

COLLATION: pp. 421-426.

REFERENCES: Bates, No. 89; Tower, No. 51; Evans, No. 3760.

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L I S T  
O F  
Copies of CHARTERS,  
FROM THE  
Commissioners for TRADE and PLANTATIONS,

Presented to the Honourable the

House of Commons,

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Pursuance of their ADDRESS to His MAJESTY, of the  
25th of April 1740.

VIZ.

MARYLAND Charter, granted  
by King *Charles I.* in the 8th  
Year of His Reign.

PENNSYLVANIA Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 33d Year of His Reign.

CONNECTICUT Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 14th Year of His Reign.

MASSACHUSETSBAY Char-  
ter, granted by King *William* and  
Queen *Mary*, in the 3d Year of  
Their Reign.

RHODE-ISLAND Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 15th Year of His Reign.

GEORGIA Charter, granted by  
His present MAJESTY, in the  
5th Year of His Reign.

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Printed in the Year M. DCC. XLI.

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11. CONNECTICUT, OCTOBER SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, | on Thursday the Tenth Day of October . . . | . . . 1734. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed & Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company, 1734

COLLATION: pp. 427-429, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 90; *Tower*, No. 52; *Evans*, No. 3761.

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12. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, | on the Ninth Day of October . . . | . . . 1735. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed & Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company, 1735

COLLATION: pp. 437-439, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 92; *Tower*, No. 54; *Evans*, No. 3892.

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13. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford, on | the Thirteenth Day of May . . . | . . . 1736. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets,  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company, 1736

COLLATION: pp. 441-443, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 93; *Tower*, No. 55; *Evans*, No. 5005.

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AND  
L A W S  
Of His MAJEST Y's *English* Colony  
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I N  
A M E R I C A.



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GOVERNOUR and COMPANY of the abovesaid Colony.

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14. CONNECTICUT. ACTS AND LAWS, 1750. The | Charter | Granted by | His Majesty | King Charles II. | to the | Governour, & Company | of the | English Colony | of | Connecticut | in | New-England | in | America. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS | Of His Majesty's English Colony | of | Connecticut | in | New-England | in America. | [Royal Arms.]

The two works in one vol. small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original sheep, new leather labels, one leaf torn into, no text missing.

New-London, | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green, Printer to the | Governour and Company of above said Colony. 1750

[See Illustration]

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 6; Titles of Laws, pp. (2); Title to Acts, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 256; Acts and Laws, October, 1750, pp. 257-258; Acts and Laws, October, 1751, pp. 259-262; Acts and Laws, May, 1752, pp. 263-266; Acts and Laws, October, 1752, pp. 267-268.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 127; *Tower*, No. 60; *Sabin*, No. 15634; *Evans*, No. 6479.

COPIES LOCATED: B. A. N. Y.; C. S.; C. H. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; Y. U.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; P. L.; H. B. A.; C. U.; M. H. S. (both issues).

The second issue, with the continued sessions. The Index of Titles carries the same to page 258, not to page 268 as cited in Tower. The four session Laws at end have each a printer's colophon.

15. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1768. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at New-Haven, on the Second Thursday of October . . . | | . . . 1768. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1768

COLLATION: pp. 337-338.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 181; *Tower*, No. 70. Not listed by Evans.

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16. CONNECTICUT. ACT AND LAWS, 1769. [Acts and Laws of his Majesty's Colony of Connecticut. With Charter.] Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), original sheep, worn, title missing, and pages soiled.  
[Reprinted and Sold by Thomas and Samuel Green, in New-Haven, and Timothy Green, in New-London, 1769]

COLLATION: Charter, pp. 3-8; Table, pp. 10; Acts, pp. 336. The text of the Charter, Table and Acts is complete.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 185; *Tower*, No. 69; *Sabin*, No. 15758; *Evans*, No. 11215.

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This edition is largely made up from the 1750 revision.

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17. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven, in said Colony, (by Adjournment) on the Fifth | Day of January . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1769

COLLATION: pp. 339-342.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 182; *Tower*, No. 71; *Evans*, No. 11216.

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18. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Held at Hartford . . . on. the | Second Thursday of May . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M, DCCLXIX. [1769]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 183; *Tower*, No. 72; *Evans*, No. 11217.

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19. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Held at New-Haven . . . on the Second Thurs- | day of October . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1769

COLLATION: pp. 347-348.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 186; *Tower*, No. 73; *Evans*, No. 11218.

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20. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1770. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at Hartford . . . on the Second Thurs- | day of May . . . | . . . 1770. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1770

COLLATION: pp. 349-350.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 187; *Tower*, No. 74; *Evans*, No. 11604.

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21. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1770. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and Passed by the General Court . . . || . . . Holden at New-Haven . . . || . . . on the Second Thursday of October . . . || . . . 1770. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || M,DCC,LXX. [1770]

COLLATION: pp. 351-358.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 188; *Tower*, No. 75; *Evans*, No. 11605.

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22. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1771. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || holden at Hartford, in the said Colony, on the Second Thursday | of May . . . || . . . 1771. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || M,DCC,LXXI. [1771]

COLLATION: pp. 359-361, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 189; *Tower*, No. 76; *Evans*, No. 12015.

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23. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1771. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at New-Haven, in said | Colony, on the Second Thursday of Octo-ber . . . || . . . 1771. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || M,DCC,LXXI. [1771]

COLLATION: pp. 363-367, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 190; *Tower*, No. 77; *Evans*, No. 12016.

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24. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1772. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at Hart- | ford, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of | May . . . || . . . 1772. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || . . . M,DCC,LXXII. [1772]

COLLATION: pp. 369-371, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 191; *Tower*, No. 78; *Evans*, No. 12361.

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25. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1772. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at New-Haven, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of October . . . || . . . 1772. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || . . . M,DCC,LXXII. [1772]

COLLATION: pp. 373-375, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 193; *Tower*, No. 79; *Evans*, No. 12362.

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26. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1773. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at Hartford . . . on the | Second Thursday of May . . . || . . . 1773. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Printed and sold by Timothy Green, Printer to the | Governor and Company. [New London] 1773

COLLATION: pp. 377-383, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 194; *Tower*, No. 80; *Evans*, No. 12731.

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27. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1773. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at New-Haven . . . | on the second Thursday of October . . . || . . . 1773. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sewed.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . || M,DCC,LXXIII. [1773]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 195; *Tower*, No. 81; *Evans*, No. 12732.

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Contains the Act regulating New-Gate Prison in Sudbury.

28. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court. . . || | Holden at Hartford. . . by Adjourn- | ment, on the second Wednesday of January, in | | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . || . . . M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 196; *Tower*, No. 82; *Evans*, No. 13207.

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29. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court. . . || . . . holden at Hartford. . . on the second Thurs- | day of May . . . || | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

COLLATION: pp. 397-400.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 198; *Tower*, No. 83; *Evans*, No. 13208.

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30. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden | at New-Haven . . . on the Second | Thursday of October . . . || | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7), sewed.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | | M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

COLLATION: pp. 401-406.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 199; *Evans*, No. 13209. Not in Tower.

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Contains the act prohibiting the importation of slaves.

31. CONNECTICUT. MARCH SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | An Act and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | . . . Holden | at New-Haven . . . by Adjournment | . . . on Thursday | the second Day of March . . . || | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 201; *Evans*, No. 13871. Not in Tower.

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The first page contains the act Regulating Naval Officers, the second page is blank; the third and fourth pages contain the act exempting debtors from imprisonment, passed April 26, 1775. The last act has its separate heading. Both these sessions are printed on one sheet, with separate signatures.

32. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || Holden at Hartford . . . on the | second Thursday of May . . . || | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

COLLATION: pp. 411-412.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 203; *Evans*, No. 13872. Not in Tower.

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33. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Holden at New- | Haven . . . on the second Thursday | of October . . . | | | 1775. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 205; *Evans*, No. 13873. Not in Tower.

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34. CONNECTICUT. DECEMBER SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Holden at New- | Haven . . . | . . . on the fourteenth Day of December, | | | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheet. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 417-418.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 206; *Evans*, No. 14688. Not in Tower.

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35. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | | . . . holden at Hartford . . . | . . . on the second Thursday of | May . . . 1776. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets, slightly stained. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 419-425, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 210; *Evans*, No. 14689. Not in Tower.

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This is the first Connecticut session laws printed without the royal arms.

36. CONNECTICUT. JUNE SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | | . . . holden at Hartford . . . | | . . . on the fourteenth Day | of June . . . 1776. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets, slightly stained.

[New London: Printed by Timothy Green, 1776]

COLLATION: pp. 427-429, verso last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 212; *Evans*, No. 14690.

COPIES LOCATED: C. H. S.; C. S.; P. L.; Y. U.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P. (pp. 427-430, with colophon); H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

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37. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at  
New-Haven, | . . . on the second Thurs- | day of October . . .  
1776. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 431-436.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 213; *Evans*, No. 14691. Not in Tower.

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M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.  
Contains the act approving the Declaration of Independence.

38. CONNECTICUT. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at  
Hartford, | | on the 19th Day of November, A. | Dom. 1776. |  
Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 437-438.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 217; *Evans*, No. 14692. Not in Tower.

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M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

39. CONNECTICUT. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1776. An Act or Law, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at  
Hartford, | | on the 19th Day of November, A. | Dom. 1776. |  
Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheet.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 439-440.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 218; *Evans*, No. 14693. Not in Tower.

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M. H. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the Embargo Act. The first Proclamation was issued on Nov. 12,  
1776; a second one, continuing the same appeared Nov. 23, 1776.

40. CONNECTICUT. DECEMBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden  
at Middle- | town, by Adjournment, on the 18th | Day of Decem-  
ber . . . | 1776. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVII. [1776]

COLLATION: pp. 441-456.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 221; *Evans*, No. 15258. Not in Tower.

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N. Y. P.

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Contains the Militia Act for encouraging the defence of the state.

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41. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made  
and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at Hart-  
ford, in said | State, on the second Thursday of | May . . . 1777.  
| Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green  
. . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVII. [1777]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 222; *Evans*, No. 15259. Not in Tower.

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M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the acts relative to Freemen's Oath, Traiterous Conspiracies, and  
Rules for Militia regulations.

42. CONNECTICUT. AUGUST SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made  
and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at Hart-  
ford . . . || . . . on the thirteenth Day | of August, A.D.  
1777. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheet.

[Colophon.] New-London: Printed by T. Green . . . [1777]

COLLATION: pp. 473-474.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 224; *Evans*, No. 15260. Not in Tower.

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N. Y. P.

43. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made  
and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden (by  
Adjournment) at Hartford, in | said State, on the eleventh Day of  
| October . . . 1777. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight  
stains.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by T. Green . . . 1777

COLLATION: pp. 475-480.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 225; *Evans*, No. 15261. Not in Tower.

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N. Y. P.

44. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made  
and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden  
(by Adjournment) at Hartford . . . || . . . on the eighth Day  
of | January . . . 1778. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight  
stain.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 226; *Evans*, No. 15760. Not in Tower

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45. CONNECTICUT. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden | at Hartford, (by Adjournment) on | the twelfth Day of February, Anno | Domini, 1778. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets, slight stain.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

COLLATION: pp. 485-494.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 227; *Evans*, No. 15761. Not in Tower.

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46. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden | at Hartford . . . on the second | Thursday of May, Anno | Domini, 1778. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets, slightly stained.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 228; *Evans*, No. 15762. Not in Tower.

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Contains the act for confiscating the estates of persons inimical to the Independence and Liberties of the United States.

47. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden | at Hartford (by Adjournment) on | the twenty-first Day of October, | . . . 1778. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

COLLATION: pp. 503-506.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 229; *Evans*, No. 15763. Not in Tower.

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Contains an act for the Supplies of the Continental Army.

48. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1779. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden | at Hartford . . . by Ad- | journment, on the seventh Day of | January . . . 1779. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets, slight stains, lower margins repaired.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIX. [1779]

COLLATION: pp. 507-512.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 231; *Evans*, No. 16231. Not in Tower.

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Contains the acts for punishing Sharpers and for Supplying the Army.

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49. CONNECTICUT. APRIL SESSION, 1779. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . || . . . holden at | Hartford . . . || . . . on the seventh Day of | April . . . 1779. | Small folio (12 by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut, slight stains.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIX. [1779]

COLLATION: pp. 513-516.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 232; *Evans*, No. 16232. Not in Tower.

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50. CONNECTICUT. ACT AND LAWS, 1784. Acts | and | Laws | of the | State | of | Connecticut, | in | America. | [State Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), rebound in full sheep.  
New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green, | Printer to the Governor and State of Connecticut. | M,DCC,LXXIXIV. [1784]

[See Illustration]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 3-8; Articles of Confederation, pp. [1]-6; Catalogue of Acts, pp. (2); Laws, pp. 1-265, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 250; *Tower*, No. 84; *Sabin*, No. 15635; *Evans*, No. 18410.

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51. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1784. [Seal of Connecticut.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at | Hartford . . . on the second | Thursday of May . . . 1784. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 251; *Evans*, No. 18411; *Tower*, No. 85.

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52. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. [Seal of Connecticut.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . || . . . holden at New-Haven . . . | . . . on the second Thursday of Oc- | tober . . . 1784. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sewed.  
[New-London: Printed by Timothy Green, 1784]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 255; *Evans*, No. 18414; *Tower*, No. 86, where a colophon is given.

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53. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1785. [Seal of Connecticut.]  
| Acts and Laws, | Made and passed in and by the General | Court  
. . . | . . . holden at New- | Haven . . . on the second Thurs- |  
day of October . . . 1785. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-Haven: | Printed by Thomas and Samuel  
Green. [1785]

COLLATION: pp. 329-336.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 259; *Evans*, No. 18967; *Tower*, No. 88.

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54. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1786. [Seal of Connecticut.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Made and Passed by the General Court . . . |  
. . . holden at Hartford, | . . . on the second Thursday of May,  
. . . 1786. Small folio (12 by 7), sewed.  
[New-London: Printed by T. Green, 1786]

COLLATION: pp. 337-346.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 262; *Tower*, No. 89; *Evans*, No. 19569.

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S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

55. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1789. [Seal of Connecticut.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | . . . |  
holden at Hartford . . . | on the second Thursday of May . . . |  
. . . 1789. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Hartford: Printed by Elisha Babcock. [1789]

COLLATION: pp. 379-382.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 292; *Evans*, No. 21755; *Tower*, No. 96.

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S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

56. CONNECTICUT. ACTS AND LAWS, 1796. Acts | and | Laws | of  
the | State | of | Connecticut, | in | America. | [State seal.] | 8vo  
(8 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original sheep.  
Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin. | M,DCC,XCVI.  
[1796]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 345.

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57. DELAWARE. LAWS, 1752. Laws | of the | Government | of | New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, | Upon Delaware. | Published by Order of the Assembly. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ .) original sheep, cracked at hinges, small blank portion of title torn off.  
Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by B. Franklin and D. Hall, | at the New Printing-Office, in Market-Street. | MDCCLII. [1752]

[See Illustration]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Deeds and Charter, pp. 3-14; Acts, pp. 15-363, verso of last blank; Table, pp. xvii, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 110; *Sabin*, No. 19391; *Hildeburn*, No. 1252; *Evans*, No. 6835.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

58. DELAWARE. LAWS, 1797. Laws | of the | State | of | Delaware. | From the Fourteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred, to the Eighteenth Day of August, One | Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Seven. | In Two Volumes. | | Published by Authority. | 2 vols. 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original sheep.  
New-Castle: | Printed by Samuel and John Adams. | M,DCC,XCVII. [1797]

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REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 19392.

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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

59. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1774. Extracts | From the | Votes and Proceedings | Of the American Continental | Congress, | Held at Philadelphia on the | 5th of September 1774. | Containing | The Bill of Rights, a List of Griev- | ances, Occasional Resolves, the | Association, an Address to the People | of Great Britain, | and a Memorial | to the Inhabitants of the British | American Colonies. | Published by order of Congress. | 8vo (7 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by William and Thomas Bradford, | October 27th, M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

THE VERY RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS FAMOUS PAMPHLET.

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REFERENCES: *Ford*, No. 19; *Sabin*, No. 15528, where the collation is given as only 36 pages; *Evans*, No. 13714.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.

According to Ford, "The Association" has separate pagination of 11 pages, in the above copy this section is paged continuously from the "Resolves," and has 11 pages, with the last blank.

This Collection of the first papers drawn up by the Continental Congress was declared by the English statesman Chatham to be "unsurpassed by any State Paper ever composed in any age or country."

60. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1774. Journal | of the | Proceedings | of the | Congress, | Held at Philadelphia, | September 5, 1774. | [Printer's mark.] | 8vo (8 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut, some pages soiled, slight tear in half-title, lacks pp. 123-144.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by William and Thomas Bradford, at the London Coffee-House. DCC,LXXIV. (*sic*) [1774]

COLLATION: Half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; List of Deputies, pp. 3, verso of last blank; Journal, pp. [5]-122.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, No. 43, where the collation is given as pp. (4), 144, with the statement that "some copies appear to have been issued before pp. 133-144 were printed."

COPIES LOCATED: One of two known copies, the other being in the Library of Congress.

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

61. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Manuscript Orderly Book of Brigadier-General (later Major-General) William Heath, at Head Quarters, New York, March 31st to August 13th, 1776; and Warrants by Major-General Heath drawn on Deputy Pay-Master General Ebenezer Huntington, Peekskill, December 25th, 1776 to January 11th, 1777, and on Deputy Pay-Master General Ebenezer Hancock, Boston, March 22nd, 1777 to June 10th, 1779. 183 pages small 4to, old sheep-skin. In cloth folder and blue morocco back slip-case.

HIGHLY INTERESTING UNPUBLISHED HISTORICAL MATERIAL, THE WARRANTS BEING ESPECIALLY SO, GIVING AS THEY DO, ORIGINAL DATA AS TO MONEYS PAID OUT BY THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The larger part of the Orderly Book is in the AUTOGRAPH OF GENERAL HEATH, WITH HIS AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE IN SEVERAL PLACES. The Warrants are mainly in the handwriting of General Heath's Secretary, Mr. Seth Loring, several with autograph signature of,—“*Eb. Huntington, D P M Genl.*”

On the first page are the following notes in General Heath's autograph,—  
“*Orders signed by Brigadier General Heath, in the City of New York during his Command in that City.*”

“*1777, May 5th. Mr. Loring engaged as my Secretary.*”

“*1778, May 22. This day 350,000 Dollars arrived.*”

The first entry begins,—“*Head Quarters New York March 31st 1776. The Command of the Army at New York (for the present) being Devolved upon Brigadier General Heath, He finds himself happy in having for his Colleagues General Thompson & Lord Sterling—As the ministerial Troops have Evacuated Boston Taken Shipping and the place of their Destination uncertain, and as there is some probability that New York may be their object, the General strongly Recommends to the officers of all Ranks to Exert themselves in preparing for the most vigorous Defense should the enemy attempt a Landing in this place. . . .*”

Under date of April 3rd, 1776, is a most interesting entry, ordering the seizure of “*Mr. Justice Hulett*” (Richard Hewlett, the famous Loyalist), his son, Lieut. Thomas Hewlett, and other active Loyalists, at Rockaway, Long Island. There is no record here as to the outcome of this attempt, but it is well known that the Hewlettes were not arrested by the American troops at this or any later time.

August 13th, 1776, General Heath records his promotion to the rank of Major-General, and his transference from New York to the command of a Division at Kingsbridge.

Among the Warrants are found the names of many persons famous then or later, in the Continental Army, including,—Ebenezer Huntington, then Deputy Pay-Master General under General Heath, who later served as Lieutenant-Colonel at Yorktown, and was made a Brigadier-General by Washington when war with France threatened in 1799; Colonel Prescott, General James Clinton, Doctor John Warren, Colonel Keith, Major General Arthur St. Clair, and many other valiant officers.

The Brigade Orders are contained in the first 38 pages of the volume, the balance of the book consisting of the Warrants.

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62. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. Journals | of | Congress, | From | Monday, February 1st, | to | Monday, March 1st, 1779. pp. 50; . . . From | Monday, March 1st, | to | Tuesday, March 30th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 56; . . . From | Wednesday, March thirty-first | to | Saturday, April tenth, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Monday, April 12th, | to | Saturday, April 17th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 19; . . . From | Monday, April 19th, | to | Saturday, April 24th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Saturday, April 24th, | to | Monday, May 3d, 1779. pp. 16; . . . From | Saturday, May 1st, | to | Monday, May 10th, 1779. pp. 15; . . . From | Monday, May 10th, | to | Saturday, May 15th, 1779, | inclusive, pp. 14; . . . From | Monday, May 17th, | to | Saturday, May 22d, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Monday, May 24th, | to | Saturday, May 29th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 20; . . . From | Monday, May 31st, | to | Saturday, June 5th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 15; . . . From | Monday, June 7th, | to | Saturday, June 12th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 19; . . . From | Monday, June 14th, | to | Saturday, June 19th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 10; . . . From | Monday, June 21st, | to | Saturday, June 26th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 13; . . . From | Monday, June 28th, | to | Saturday, July, 3rd, 1779, | inclusive pp. 15. . . . From | Monday, July 5th, | to | Saturday, July 12th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 9; . . . From | Monday, July 12th, | to | Saturday, July 17th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 10; . . . From | Monday, August 30th, | to | Saturday, September 4th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 12; . . . From | Monday, September 20th, | to | Saturday, September 25th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 9; . . . From | Sunday, September 26th, | to | Saturday, October 2d, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 11. Together, 20 pieces, 8vo, sewed, the last three with uncut edges. In one cloth folder, and cloth slip-case.

Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, ||| [1779]

AN UNUSUALLY LONG SERIES OF THE ORIGINAL WEEKLY (THE FIRST TWO MONTHLY) ISSUES OF THE JOURNALS OF CONGRESS, comprising from the second to the 18th issues, inclusive, and three later issues.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, Nos. 283 to 299, inclusive, and 306, 309 and 310; *Evans*, Nos. 16586 to 16602, inclusive, and 16609, 16612 and 16613.

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THE; ✓✓  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

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WE the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. ALL legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

No person shall be a representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of three years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons.

The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of New-Hampshire shall be entitled to choose three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations

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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

63. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Schedule of Requisitions on the several States by the United States in Congress assembled; | Of 10th Sept. 1782—30th Oct. 1781, and 27th and 28th April, 1784—Of the 27th Sept. 1785,—and of 2d August, 1786—Shewing the Quotas assigned to each, the Amount | paid thereon, and the Ballances due on the 1st January 1787. | [SCHEDULE.] | Treasury of the United States, | Register's Office, 1st January 1787 | [Signed in the autograph of] Joseph Nourse, Register. Oblong 4to (8½ by 22¼), broadside.

[New York? circa 1785-1787]

The Original Printed Schedule of the Expenses of the Revolutionary War, with the Balances due from each state set down in the manuscript.

VERY RARE AND IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ITEM.

64. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The | Constitution | of the | United States. | [With the Ratification by the State of Connecticut.] Small folio (11½ by 7), half crimson crushed levant morocco.

[Hartford, 1788]

[See Illustration]

COLLATION: pp.8.

REFERENCES: Evans, No. 21523.

COPIES LOCATED: C. H. S.

THE RARE FIRST OFFICIAL PRINTING IN CONNECTICUT, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. The entire eight pages, with the exception of a short paragraph at the foot of the last page, are taken up with the text of the Constitution. The paragraph referred to contains the Resolution,—“In the Name of the People of the State of Connecticut. | We the Delegates of the People of said State, in General Convention assembled, pur- | suant to an Act of the Legislature in October last, have assented to and ratified . . . | . . . the Constitution, reported by the Convention | | | Done in Convention, this 9th day of January, A.D. 1788 . . .”

65. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. WILLIAMSON (HUGH—statesman, author of “The History of North Carolina.”) Autograph Letters, Signed, 2 pages 4to, New York, July 27, 1788. To Governor Samuel Johnston of South Carolina. Beneath the signature of Williamson is that of John Swann, one of the associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a son-in-law of Governor Johnston.

An interesting letter relative to the adoption of the Federal Constitution by the state of New York, reads in part,—

“ . . . we learn that on Friday 25th a Motion was made for adopting the new Constitution as recommended by the general Convention on Septr. last, this motion was carried by a majority of Five. . . . The Inhabitants of this city since the arrival of the above Intelligence have hardly been moderate in their Expressions of Joy. The State of New York had so many Arguments of private Interest that seemed to tempt her to adhere to the old form of Government that we confess the Act mentioned was rather unexpected . . . ”

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### 65. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION: *Continued.*

John Swann, one of the signers of the above, was the son of Samuel Swann of Pasquotank County. He graduated from William and Mary College, Va., and was at an early age elected a Member of Congress (1787). He married a daughter of Governor Samuel Johnston, by whom he had one child, which died in infancy, after the death of the father, and which gave rise to the celebrated case of *Shepard vs. Shepard*, 3 Murphy's Report, which continued in the courts some twenty years.

### 66. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The | Federalist: | a Collection | of | Essays, | Written in Favour of the | New Constitution, | as Agreed Upon By the Federal Convention, | September 17, 1787. | In Two Volumes. | Vol. I. (6 by 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half morocco. Vol. II. (6 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), original calf, with leather label. Together, 2 vols. New-York: | Printed and Sold by J. and A. M'Lean, || M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

THICK PAPER COPY OF THE VERY RARE ORIGINAL EDITION. BOTH VOLUMES ARE COMPLETE. VERY RARE.

REFERENCES: Sabin, No. 23979; Evans, No. 21127.

TWO VOLUMES OF HIGH ASSOCIATION INTEREST. The first volume belonged to Chancellor Samuel Jones of New York, and has his autograph (partly obliterated) on title. The second volume with AUTOGRAPH INSCRIPTION IN THE HANDWRITING OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON,—*Presented by the Author to his Friend Baron Steuben.*

The majority of these Essays were written by Alexander Hamilton, some by James Madison, and others by John Jay. The Madison papers were much changed in subsequent editions of the work.

### 67. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The Federalist. The same as preceding. Vol. II only. 12mo (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original boards, uncut.

New-York . . . M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

UNDoubtedly THE FINEST COPY OF THIS VOLUME OF THE FEDERALIST EXTANT. ENTIRELY UNCUT AND UNOPENED.

### 68. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1790. The | Constitution | and | Laws | of the | United States. | [Arms.] | 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{4}$ by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut, slight stain on few margins.

America: | Portsmouth, (New-Hampshire) | Printed by George Jerry Osborne, Junior, | and to be sold at his office, | Guttemberg's Head, Congress-Street. | M.DCC.XC. [1790]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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REFERENCES: Evans, No. 22851.

COPIES LOCATED: A. A. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

69. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1799. By the House of Delegates, | January 1, 1799. | Whereas it is highly expedient that every constitutional barrier should be opposed to the introduction of foreign influence into our national councils . . . Folio (13 by 8), sheets, uncut.

[Annapolis, 1799]

Contains the Resolve of the Maryland House of Delegates relative to a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, requiring all senators and representatives to be natural born citizens, and that none but a natural born citizen shall become Vice-President of the United States.

Printed in script on the first page of a four-page folder.

70. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVE, 1815. Whereas the Legislature of Connecticut and Massachusetts have proposed the following amendments to the Constitution of the United States: | [Text, containing seven Resolves relative to taxes and the Embargo laws.] Jacob Holgate, Speaker of the House of Representatives. | John Todd, Speaker of the Senate. | . . . 4to (9½ by 7½), broadside.

[Philadelphia, 1815]

CERTIFIED COPY of these Resolutions, signed in the autograph of James Trimble, Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania.

These Resolves were passed by the Senate of Pennsylvania on March 10, 1815, and by the House of Representatives on March 11, 1815. They were certified to on March 15, 1815. They declare it to be inexpedient for Pennsylvania to concur in amendments to the Federal Constitution proposed by Connecticut and Massachusetts.

71. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. JUDICIAL COURTS, 1789. A Bill to establish the Judicial Courts of the | United States. | Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the | United States of America in Congress assembled . . . Folio (13½ by 8), sewed, slight tear in last leaf.

[Colophon.] New-York, Printed by Thomas Greenleaf, 1789

VERY RARE. Not listed by Evans.

COLLATION: pp. 12.

This Bill was passed September 24, 1789.

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

72. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ACTS OF CONGRESS, 1789-1791.  
Acts | Passed at a | Congress | of the | United States | of | America, | Begun and Held at the City of New-York, | on Wednesday the Fourth of March, | in the Year M,DCC,LXXXIX: | and of the | Independence of the United States, | The Thirteenth. | Published by Authority. | Philadelphia: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, | Printers to the United States [1791?]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Resolve relative to the printing of the Constitution, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. [v]-xiv; Acts, pp. [15]-93; Table, p. [94]; Errata, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23842.

### ALSO

ACTS | Passed at the | Second Session | of the | Congress | of the | United States | of | America . . . City of New York | . . . the Fourth of January, | in the year M,DCC,XC: |

New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, | Printers to the Congress of the United States. | [1790]

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, 22952.

### ALSO

ACTS | Passed at the | Third Session | of the | Congress | of the | United States | of | America . . . Philadelphia | . . . Sixth of December, | in the year M,DCC,XC: | . . .

Philadelphia: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, | Printers to the Congress of the United States. | [1791]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [227]-277, verso of last blank; Treaty with Delaware Indians, pp. 279-284; Table, pp. [285]-286; Index, pp. [28].

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23845.

Together, 3 vols. in one (11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), rebound in full sheep.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

73. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONGRESS OF 1791. Second Congress | of the | United States. | At the First Session, begun and held at the City of Philadelphia . . . | . . . the twenty-fourth of October, | one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. | An Act for the Relief of David Cook and Thomas Campbell. | Folio (16 by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), printed on first page of a four-page folder, uncut. | [Philadelphia, 1791]

Signed in the autograph of *Thomas Jefferson*, as Secretary of State.

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### GEORGIA

74. GEORGIA. CHARTER OF 1741. Manuscript copy of the Georgia Charter [For the printed version of which, see Colonial Charters, 1741. No. 6.] A CERTIFIED Manuscript copy [20 pages] from the Rolls Office, London, of the GEORGIA CHARTER, which was copied from the Original Record in the Chapel of the Rolls. With the affidavits of R. H. Holland, clerk to Messrs. Walter and Pemberton of No. 4 Symonds Inn Chancery Lane; G. Hopkinson, Notary Public, Charleston, S. C.; and the Official Warrant of the governor of South Carolina—John L. Manning, signed by the Secretary of State—Benjamin Perry, showing Hopkinson to be a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina.
75. GEORGIA. COUNCIL OF 1789. Autograph Document, Signed, one page 4to, In Council, Augusta, 21<sup>st</sup> May 1789. "Ordered That the Governor be requested in the absence of the Commissioners of the Union, to write to the Governor of South Carolina, requesting, that some Militia of that State may be put in immediate readiness for the support of this State." Signed,—Extract from the Minutes, J. Meriwether, Sy.
- The above refers to the incursions of the Creek and Cherokee Indians, whose friendship was secured by treaties in 1790 and 1791.
76. GEORGIA. DIGEST OF LAWS, 1800. A | Digest | of the | Laws | of the | State of Georgia. | From the First Establishment as a British Province Down | to the Year 1798, inclusive, | and the | Principal Acts of 1799 . . . By Robert & George Watkins. 4to (10 by 7½), original calf, binding rubbed, owner's name on several pages.

Philadelphia: | Printed by R. Aitken . . . | 1800

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COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; L. C.; H. S. P.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

### MARYLAND

77. MARYLAND. BUCHANAN (ARCHIBALD). An | Oration, | Composed and Delivered | at the Request of the | Republican Society | of | Baltimore, | on the Fourth of July, one thousand seven hun- | dred and ninety-four. | 8vo (9 by 5½), wrappers, uncut, lower margin of title supplied.
- Baltimore: | Printed by Clayland, Dobbin, and Co. . . . || M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

On the wrapper is the signature of *Citizen Genet*.

*Erasmus Gante*  
1789

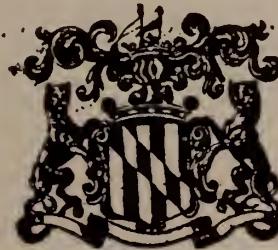
Compleat COLLECTION  
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### MARYLAND

78. MARYLAND. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1723. Acts | of | Assembly, | Passed in the | Province of Maryland, | From 1692, to 1715. | [Royal Arms.] | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original calf, rebacked. London, | Printed by John Baskett . . . | . . . MDCCXXIII. [1723]

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REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 124; *Sabin*, No. 45045.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

79. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1727. A | Compleat Collection | of the | Laws of Maryland. | With | An Index, and Marginal Notes, directing | to the several Laws, and the chief Matters | contained in them. | Collected and Printed by Authority. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original paneled sheep, binding worn, lower corner of margins of first 34 pages slightly gnawed, no text injured. In cloth folder and red levant morocco back slip-case.

Annapolis: | Printed by William Parks. MDCCXXVII. [1727]

[See Illustration]

THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE FIRST COMPILATION OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND PRINTED IN AMERICA. Has the autograph signature of *Erasmus Gante*, 1783, and some marginal manuscript annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 300; Index, 6pp.; Slip, Advertisement to the Reader, relative to a mistake of printing on page 237, an Act not in force, pasted to back cover.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 125; *Sabin*, No. 45111; *Evans*, No. 28.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. S.; Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.

# LAW<sup>s</sup> of Maryland,

~~Enacted~~

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held  
at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday the  
Tenth Day of October, in the Thirteenth Year  
of the Dominion of the Right Honourable  
**CHARLES** Lord Baron of Baltimore,  
Abolut<sup>z</sup> Lord and Proprietary of the Pro-  
vinces of Maryland and Avagon, &c. Annoq;  
Domini 1727.

First. To which are added,  
Some Laws that were omitted to be Collected  
in the bound Volume As also the SPEECH  
of His Excellency, the Goverrour, and the  
Addreses of both Houses, and the Answers  
thereto, at the Opening this Session.



By AUTHORITY.

JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> ANNO 1727.

Printed and Sold by William Park. MDCCXXVII. Price Two Shillings.

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80. MARYLAND. OCTOBER SESSION, 1727. Laws of Maryland. | Enacted | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held | at the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday the | Tenth Day of October, in the Thirteenth Year | of the Dominion of the Right Honourable | Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore, | Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Pro- | vinces of Maryland and Avalon, &c. Annoq; | Domini 1727. | To which are added, | Some Laws that were omitted to be Collected | in the bound Volume. As also the Speech | of His Excellency the Governour, and the | Addresses of both Houses, and the Answers | thereto, at the Opening this Session. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | By Authority. | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, margins of title and corners frayed, some margins cut close, pen-and-ink notations on title. In board slip-case.

Annapolis: | Printed and Sold by William Parks. MDCCXXVII.  
Price Two Shillings. [1727]

[See Illustration]

AN ITEM OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. Only one other copy located. The collation given by Sabin does not agree with that of the above copy; the present copy however is perfect, as the last page contains an announcement of the printing of the last session.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Speech of Calvert, etc., 4pp.; Acts, pp. 5-26.

REFERENCES: Sabin, No. 45184, where the collation is given as pp. (2), 32; Evans, No. 2898, follows Sabin in collation, but does not locate a copy. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S. (Imperfect); B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.

The title and verso of this copy contains markings and names in ink, among them the autograph signature of *Bendl. Leond. Calvert, Chan.*, Governor of Maryland, 1727-1732.

81. MARYLAND. DECEMBER SESSION, 1754. Act of Assembly passed in December, 1754. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the | City of Annapolis, on Thursday the Twelfth Day | of December . . . | . . . 1754, the following Act passed, *viz.* | An Act for taking and detaining able-bodied Men for | His Majesty's Service. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheet.

[Colophon.] Annapolis: Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province. [1754-1755]

EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

COLLATION: pp. (2).

REFERENCES: Unknown to Sabin, Evans, and Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

Of French and Indian War Interest. The men to be detained were for the ill-fated Braddock Expedition.

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82. MARYLAND. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1755. Acts | Of the Province of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held | at the City of Annapolis, on Saturday the Twenty- | Second Day of February, in the Fourth Year of | the Dominion of the Right Honourable Fre- | derick, Lord Baron of Baltimore, Absolute | Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Mary- | land and Avalon, &c. Annoque Domini 1755. | Published by Authority. | [Arms.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), old wrappers, front wrapper torn, text stained.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province; and are to be | Sold at his Printing-Office in Charles-Street, 1755

VERY RARE. One of Three Known Copies.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 3-8.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 7458, where two additional pages are given, and no copy located. The present copy however is complete. Unknown to Sabin and Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.

Of French and Indian War Interest. Among the acts is one "to prevent the People of this Province from supplying the French, or their Indian Allies, with Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind."

83. MARYLAND. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1759. Abridgment and Collection | of the | Acts of Assembly | Of the Province of | Maryland, | At present in Force. | With | A small choice | Collection of Precedents | in | Law, and, Conveyancing. | Calculated for the Use of the Gentlemen of the Province. | By James Bisset, Attorney, at Law. | [Line of quotation from Virgil.] | 8vo (8 by 5), old sheep, new leather labels.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by William Bradford, Printer, in Market- | Street, for the Author, 1759. | [Price line.]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 4pp.; Charter, pp. 10; Text, pp. 11-288; Half-title to Precedents, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. 291-338; Index, pp. 339-343, wrongly numbered, 344, verso of last blank; Index to Laws, pp. 345-366, wrongly numbered, 566. REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 127; *Hildeburn*, No. 1619; *Sabin*, No. 5643; *Evans*, No. 8391.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. S. P.; M. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

Has Autograph Signature of *G. Johnston, 1761*, and the armorial book-pile book-plate of Johnston, with the initial G inserted in ink [Allen, No. 436].

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## MARYLAND

84. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1765. Laws | of | Maryland | At Large, | With Proper | Indexes. | Now first Collected into One Compleat Body, and Published from the | Original Acts and Records, remaining in the Secretary's- | Office of the said | Province. | Together with Notes and other Matters, relative to the Constitution thereof, extracted from the Provincial Records. | To which is prefixed, The | Charter, | With an English Translation. | By Thomas Bacon . . . | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] Folio (15 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), new full sheep, title-page and all margins worm-eaten, some partly mildewed, the text is not injured; signature of *John Tayloe, Mount Airy*, on title.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province. | MDCCLXV. [1765]

LARGE PAPER.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 4pp.; Charter, half-title and text, 17pp., verso of last blank; Text, 310 unnumbered leaves [620pp.]; Index, 88 unnumbered pages; Advertisement, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*: No. 128; *Sabin*, No. 45186; *Evans*, No. 10049.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. S.; Md. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.; B. L.  
This compilation covers the Laws of Maryland from 1637 to 1763.

85. MARYLAND. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1777. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Convened by the Council of Safety, and | begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Wednesday | the fifth of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thou- | sand seven hundred and seventy-seven. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1777]

FINE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (55), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 45188; *Evans*, No. 15393.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

86. MARYLAND. JUNE SESSION, 1777. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the | sixteenth of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand | seven hundred and seventy-seven. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), old marbled boards, sheep back.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1777]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (26).

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15394. Not in *Tower*.

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Contains among other acts, one for reinforcing the Continental Army.

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87. MARYLAND. MARCH SESSION, 1778. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the | seventeenth of March, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight. | [Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1778]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (48).

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15878. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains among other acts those for enlarging the power of the government and for procuring troops for the Continental army.

88. MARYLAND. JUNE SESSION, 1778. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the | eighth of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand | seven hundred and seventy-eight. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1778]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (9), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15879. Not in Tower.

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The last page contains signatures of,—George Calvert, William Temple, Coll. Stall, Benjamin Hull, David Crawford, and Benjamin Bradford Norris.

89. MARYLAND. OCTOBER SESSION, 1780. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Tuesday the | seventeenth of October, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and eighty. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1781]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (103), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17205. Not in Tower.

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### MARYLAND

90. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1785. Laws | of Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Monday the | seventeenth of November, in the year of our Lord one thou- | sand seven hundred and eighty-five. [to March, 1786] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on title.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1786]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including two and one half pages of Index, 149 unnumbered pages, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19770. Not in *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M. (147 pages); H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

91. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1786. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the sixth of | November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and eighty-six [to January 20, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. [1787]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  pages of Index, 48 unnumbered pages. *Evans* calls for (2), (50) pages, but this copy is perfect.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20484. Not in *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

92. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made Since | M,DCC,LXIII, | Consisting of | Acts of Assembly | under the | Proprietary Government, | Resolves of Convention, the Declara- | tion of Rights, the Constitution and Form | of Government | the Articles of Confe- | deration, And, | Acts of Assembly | Since the | Revolution. | [8 lines of quotation.] | Folio (15 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original sheep, new leather labels.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. | MDCCLXXXVII. [1787]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS AND ORIGINAL END-PAPERS.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Introduction, 2pp.; Acts, 220 unnumbered leaves (440 pages); Table, 6 unnumbered leaves (12 pages); Appendix, one page, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 129; *Sabin*, No. 45189; *Evans*, No. 20483.

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93. MARYLAND. APRIL SESSION, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the tenth of | April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and | eighty-seven. [to May 26, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. [1787]

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20485. Not in Tower.

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94. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the fifth of | November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-seven. [to December 17, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, some margins uncut.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. [1788]

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21222. Not in Tower.

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95. MARYLAND. MAY SESSION, 1788. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the twelfth | of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-eight. [to May 27, 1788] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. [1788]

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21223. Not in Tower.

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96. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1788. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the third of | November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-eight. [to December 23, 1788] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, 50pp.; List, one page, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21933. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M. (imperfect); H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.

97. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1789. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the second | of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and eighty-nine. [to December 26, 1789] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

[1790]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  pages of List, 84pp.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22640; Not in Tower.

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98. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1790. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the first | of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and ninety. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Folio (14 by 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  pages of index, pp. (93), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22640, where the collation is given as pp. (2), 84.

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MARYLAND

99. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1791. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the seventh | of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. [to December 30, 1791] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (13½ by 8½), sewed, uncut, original front board cover, slight stain on few corners.
- Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1792]
- COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, including 2¼ pages of List, 46 unnumbered leaves (92 pages). Evans gives collation as pp. (2), (100), the present copy however is perfect, with blank leaf at end.
- REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24503.
- COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.
100. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1792. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the fifth of | November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and ninety-two. [to December 23, 1792] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (13½ by 8½), original boards, uncut.
- Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1793]
- FINE UNCUT COPY AND PERFECT COPY.
- COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text and 1½ pages of List, 37 unnumbered leaves (74 pages).
- COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.
101. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1793. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the fourth of | November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and ninety-three. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Folio (12½ by 7¾), sewed.
- Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1793]
- COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including two pages of Index, pp. (97), verso of last blank.
- COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.
102. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1794. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the | Third of November, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and ninety-four. | Folio (12½ by 7¾), sewed.
- Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State. [1794]
- COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including Index, pp. (78).
- COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

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### MARYLAND

103. MARYLAND. ABRIDGED LAWS, 1799. A | Digest | of the | Laws of Maryland, | being | An Abridgement, | Alphabetically Arranged, | of All the Public Acts of Assembly now in Force, | and of General Use, | From the First Settlement of the State, to the end of November | Session 1797, inclusive, with references to the Acts at Large. | By Thomas Herty. | [ii lines of quotations.] | 8vo (9 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 6), rebound in half morocco, slight stain on few corners.

Baltimore:—Printed for the Editor. | 1799

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso copy-right line; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Index, pp. [iii]–xii; Text, pp. [13]–522; Errata, one leaf, verso, advertisement of a new work “Abridgement of the Laws of the United States.”

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 31596.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; C. U.; L. C.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

104. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1799–1800. The | Laws | of | Maryland, | to which are prefixed | The Original Charter, | with an | English Translation, | The Bill of Rights | and | Constitution of the State, | as Originally Adopted by the Convention, | with the Several Alterations by Acts of Assembly, | The Declaration of Independence, | The Articles of Confederation, | The Constitution of the General Government, | and the Amendments made thereto, | with an | Index | to the Laws, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. | In Two Volumes. | Revised and collected, under the Authority of the Legislature, | By William Kilty, Attorney at Law. | 2 vols. 4to (10 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original calf, new calf backs with leather labels, a few corners with slight stains, stencilled stamp on titles.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. | 1799[–1800]

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf; Introduction, 2pp.; Half-title to Charter, and text of same and other preliminary matters, 20 unnumbered leaves (40 pages); Laws, 359 unnumbered leaves (717 pages, verso of last blank); Index, 97 unnumbered leaves (194 pages); Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Address by George Washington, 4 unnumbered leaves; Text, 471 leaves (942 pages). The Index to both Vols. is bound in first vol.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 45190.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

This is the *Tower* copy, with the embossed portrait stamp; and the signature of *Richard S. Coxe*.

THE GENERAL  
**L A W S**  
A N D  
**L I B E R T I E S**  
O F T H E —  
Massachusetts Colony  
I N  
**New-England,**

Revised and Reprinted,

By Order of the General Court holden at BOSTON,  
May 15th, 1672.

*Edward Rawson, Secr.*

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*Whosoever therefore resisteth the Power, resisteth the Ordinance of God; and they that resist, receive to themselves Damnation.* Rom. 13.2.

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*Cambridge in New-England,*

Printed by Samuel Green, for John Usher of Boston, and to be sold by  
Richard Chiswell, at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard,  
London, 1675.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

105. MASSACHUSETTS. GENERAL LAWS, 1675. The General | Laws | and | Liberties | of the | Massachusetts Colony | in | New-Eng-land, | Revised and Reprinted, | By Order of the General Court holden at Boston, | May 15th, 1672. | Edward Rawson, Secr. | [Two-line quotation from *Rom. 13.2.*] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), old calf, rebacked. With cloth folder, in half red levant morocco slip-case.

Cambridge in New-England, | Printed by Samuel Green, for John Usher of Boston, and to be sold by | Richard Chiswel, at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Churchyard, | London, 1675

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ISSUE, UNDOUBTEDLY PRINTED, AS STATED BY MR. ALBERT MATTHEWS, AT CAMBRIDGE IN 1672, WITH A NEW TITLE AND THE LIST OF BOOKS ADDED BY CHISWEL IN 1675.

COLLATION: List of Books "Sold also by Richard Chiswel," one leaf, recto blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; General Laws, pp. 1-161, verso of last blank (p. 16 wrongly numbered 14); Presidents, Forms, pp. 162-170, verso of last blank, the odd page numbers for this section are on the left-hand, and the even numbers on the right-hand pages; Several Laws and Orders made at the | General Court | Holden the 15th of May | 1672. | And Printed by their Order. | Edward Rawson Secr. | pp. 6; one blank leaf; A Summary of the Laws, 27pp., verso of last blank; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Russell*, Page 10; *Tower*, No. 135, where the same collation as above is given, but in a different order, the Table is also placed at 28pp.; *Evans*, No. 200, where the collation is given as, pp. (2), 170, (27), (2), which does not take into account the six pages of "Several Laws" in the above copy.

COPIES LOCATED: ONLY FOUR OTHER COPIES ARE KNOWN, those in the John Carter Brown, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the British Museum Libraries.

Collation of this copy agrees with that in the Pennsylvania Historical Society, others are different.

For an extensive historical and bibliographical account of the printing of these laws, See, MR. ALBERT MATTHEWS's "Note on the 1672 Edition and the 1675 Volume of the Massachusetts Laws," where a full comparison of the two volumes is given, the copy of the 1675 issue referred to being the present one, and where the only alteration to be made is that relative to the number of lines in the "Errata" on page 170, which contains nine, as in the 1672 edition, and not ten. In this work the differences of the two issues are fully treated, and the further statement is made, that "the text and Summary of the 1675 volume were printed at Cambridge in 1672; that for some reason which cannot now be determined, it became necessary to reset in some copies the three pages numbered 168-170, and they were reset either in Cambridge or in London; that a new title-page was printed in London; and that the List of Books was printed in London."

A COPY OF MATTHEWS'S PAMPHLET ACCOMPANIES THE ABOVE COPY OF LAWS, which contains also, the armorial book-plate of William Dobyns of Lincolns-Inn.

# ACTS AND LAWS,

Passed by the Great and General Court  
or Assembly of Their Majesties Pro-  
vince of the Massachusetts-Bay, in  
New-England.

Begun at *Boston*, the Eighth Day of *June*, 1692. And Con-  
tinued by Adjournment, unto *Wednesday* the Twelfth  
Day of *October* following : Being the Second Sessions.

*Anno Regni Gulielmi, et Mariae, Regis et Regine Angliae, Scotie,  
Francie, et Hibernie, Quarto.*



*BOSTON*

Printed by *Benjamin Harris*, Printer to His Excellency,  
the Governor and Council, 1692.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

106. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1692. Acts | and | Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court | or Assembly of Their  
Majesties Pro- | vince of the Massachusetts-Bay, in | New-Eng-  
land. | Begun at Boston, the Eighteenth Day of June, 1692.  
And Con- | tinued by Adjournment, unto Wednesday the  
Twelfth | Day of October following: Being the Second Sessions. |  
Anno Regni Guilelmi, et Mariae, Regis et Reginæ Angliae,  
Scotiaæ, | Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Quarte. | [Type ornaments.] |  
Small folio (11 by 7½), full claret crushed levant morocco, triple  
gilt fillet border on sides, gilt back and edges, inside gilt border,  
BY RIVIÈRE.  
Boston | Printed by Benjamin Harris, Printer to His Excellency, |  
the Governor and Council, 1692

[See Illustration]

#### FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Leaf of authorization to the  
Printer by the Governor, one leaf, recto blank; Contents, one leaf, verso blank;  
Acts, pp. 1-90 (pp. 83-84 misbound).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 20; *Sabin*, No. 45565; *Evans*, No.  
618, where the preliminary matter is cited as pp. (3); *Tower*, No. 140; *Church*,  
No. 726.

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B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.; H. L.; A. A. S.

This copy was once owned by Mr. Charles R. Hildeburn.

T H E  
**CHARTER**

Granted by Their Majesties

*Samuel Browne . 1699*

King **WILLIAM**  
A N D  
Queen **MARY**,  
To the  
**INHABITANTS**  
Of the  
**PROVINCE**  
OF THE  
**Massachusetts-Bay**  
I N  
**New-England.**



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BOSTON in NEW-ENGLAND.

Printed by *Bartolomew Green*, and *John Allen*, (Printers to His Excellency  
the GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL,) for, and Sold  
by *Michael Perry*, and *Benjamin Eliot*.

1699.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

107. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1699. The | Charter | Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, | To the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts- | Bay | in | New-England. | Boston in New-England. | Printed by Bartholomew Green, and John Allen, (Printers to His Excellency | the Governour & Council,) for, and Sold | by Michael Perry, and Benjamin Eliot. | 1699

### ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His | Majesties Province of the Massachusetts- | Bay, in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Boston. | Printed by Bartholomew Green, | and John Allen, (Printers | to His Excellency the Governour and Council,) | for, and Sold by Michael Perry at his Shop over against | the Town- | House, and Benjamin Eliot under the West- | End of the Town- | House. 1699

The 2 vols., as issued, in one, small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original paneled calf, rebacked, cracked at hinges, stencilled library stamp on first title. In cloth folder and red levant morocco back slip-case.

Boston, 1699

[See Illustration]

COMPLETE, BOTH AS TO LAWS AND CHARTER. ONE OF THE FEW COPIES KNOWN IN THE ORIGINAL BINDING, UNCLEANED, AND, INTERIORLY, IN REMARKABLY FINE STATE OF PRESERVATION.

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 3-15, verso of last blank, but with autograph signature of Samuel Browne; Title to Acts, one leaf, verso Authorization of printing; Acts, pp. 3-158; Table, 4pp.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 30; *Sabin*, No. 45566, where additional Session Laws are apparently included, making 192 pages; *Evans*, Nos. 867 and 868; *Tower*, No. 148; *Church*, Nos. 781 and 782, and where the following note appears,—

"This is a part of the first revision of the Province Laws, the text of which contains the Acts from the session beginning on the 8th of June, 1692, to that beginning on the 31st day of May, 1699, inclusive."

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This copy contains the Autograph Signature, in two places, of *Samuel Browne*, 1699, Justice and Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Essex County, from 1715 to 1731. He was born, October 8, 1669, and died at the age of 62, June 16, 1731. He succeeded his father, Judge William Brown, as Judge, and lived in Salem, Massachusetts.

The above copy is the one once owned by Mr. Charles R. Hildeburn.

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108. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1714. The | Charter | Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, | to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACT | AND | LAWS, | Of Her Majesties | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |

The two works, as issued, in one vol., small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original sheep, new leather labels.

Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green, Printer to His Excellency the | Governoour & Council, for Benjamin Eliot | and Sold at his Shop on the North side of King's Street. | 1714

FINE AND PERFECT COPY, IN THE ORIGINAL BINDING. The imprint and date on both title-pages reads the same.

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 13, verso of last blank; Title to Laws, one leaf, verso authorization for printing; Acts, pp. 239, verso of last blank; Table, pp. vi.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Russell*, Page 50; *Evans*, No. 1686; *Tower*, No. 184, where additional Session Laws are mentioned.

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This is the issue cited in the Preface to the new edition of the Province Laws (1869) as "among the rarest of rare books."

The Acts cover dates from June 8th, 1692 to May 27th, 1713, inclusive.

109. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1714. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth of May, 1714. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slightly stained, small tear in three leaves. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1714]

COLLATION: pp. 241-247, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 50; *Tower*, No. 184.

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110. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1714. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth of May, 1714. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twentieth | of October following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slightly stained.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1714]

COLLATION: pp. 249-254.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 51; *Tower*, No. 184.

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This copy has an imperfect copy of the Session for May, 1715 (pp. 253-254), attached.

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- III. MASSACHUSETTS. JULY SESSION, 1715. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth of May, 1715. And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twentieth Day of July | following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1715]

COLLATION: pp. 255-258.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1751; *Tower*, No. 184.

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112. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1715. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston Wednesday the Twenty-fifth of May, 1715. And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-third | Day of November following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1715]

COLLATION: pp. 259-268.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1752; *Tower*, No. 184.

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113. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1716. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth of May, 1716. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1716]

COLLATION: pp. 269-278.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1815; *Tower*, No. 184.

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114. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1716. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth of May, 1716. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the seventh | Day of November following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1716]

COLLATION: pp. 279-286.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1816; *Tower*, No. 184.

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115. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1717. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May 1717. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1717]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1891; *Tower*, No. 184.

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116. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1717. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May 1717. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty- | third of October following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1717]

COLLATION: pp. 291-294.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1892; *Tower*, No. 184.

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117. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May, 1717. | And continued . . . unto Thursday the Sixth | Day of February following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1718]

COLLATION: pp. 295-298.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1966; *Tower*, No. 184.

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118. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth of May, 1718. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1718

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 54; *Evans*, No. 1967; *Tower*, No. 184.

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Contains among other acts that for preventing abuses to the Indians.

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119. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth of May, 1718. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty- | ninth Day of October following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed, slight stain on margins.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1718
- COLLATION: pp. 311-314.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 54; *Evans*, No. 1968; *Tower*, No. 184.
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120. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1719. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-seventh Day of May, 1719. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins, and small pieces torn from lower last leaf, some text missing.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1719
- COLLATION: pp. 315-318.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 55; *Evans*, No. 2031; *Tower*, No. 184.
- COPIES LOCATED: B. P.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.
121. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1724. Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | Great and General Court or Assembly | Of the Province of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England, | From 1692, to 1719. | To which is Prefix'd, | The Charter, Granted by Their late | Majesties King William and Queen Mary, to the | Inhabitants of the said Province, A.D. 1691, | Annoq; Regni 3°. | [Royal Arms.] | Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original calf, rebacked, stain on few leaves.  
London, | Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's most Excellent | Majesty, MDCCXXIV. [1724]
- COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Index, pp. iii-xvi; Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. iii-xvi; Acts, pp. 359, 30 of which are blank.
- REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 62; *Sabin*, No. 45567; *Tower*, No. 214.
- COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. S. P.; B. A.; B. P.; H. C.; J. C. B.; N. Y. P.; M. H. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.  
The Acts cover dates from June 8th, 1692 to May 27th, 1719, inclusive.

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122. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1726. The | Charter | Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, | to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England.

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Acts | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | The two works in one vol. small folio (11<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), original sheep, rebacked.

Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green, Printer to the Honourable the Lieut. | Governour & Council, for Benjamin Eliot, | and Sold at his Shop near the Town-House in King's Street. | 1726

COMPLETE COPY. The imprint reads the same on both titles.

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 63; *Sabin*, No. 45568; *Tower*, No. 215; *Evans*, No. 2762.

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123. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1726. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May, 1726. | And continued by several Prorogations unto Wednesday the Twenty- | third Day of November following, and then Met. | Small folio (11<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 349-354.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 64; *Tower*, No. 216; *Evans*, No. 2900.

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124. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1727. | Small folio (11  $\frac{11}{16}$  by 7  $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 355-370.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 64; *Tower*, No. 217; *Evans*, No. 2901.

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Contains among other acts, those for erecting the towns of Uxbridge and Hanover.

125. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1727. | And continued . . . to the Sixteenth Day of August | following. | Small folio (11  $\frac{11}{16}$  by 7  $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 371-373, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 65; *Tower*, No. 218; *Evans*, No. 2902.

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126. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER-NOVEMBER SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May | 1727. And continued . . . unto Wednesday | the Fourth Day of October following. |

## ALSO

[Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . | Begun and Held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-second Day of | November, 1727. |

The two sessions issued as one. Small folio (11  $\frac{11}{16}$  by 7  $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | 1728

COLLATION: pp. 375-400. The first signature shows that these two sessions were printed at one time.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 65; *Tower*, Nos. 219 and 220; *Evans*, Nos. 3054 and 3055.

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Contains among other acts, one relating to the Forty Petitioners for a tract of land at Hassanamisco.

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127. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1728. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | Small folio ( $11 \frac{1}{16}$  by  $7 \frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1728

COLLATION: pp. 401-412.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 66; *Tower*, No. 221; *Evans*, No. 3056.

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Contains among other acts, that relating to the exemption from taxation of Anabaptists and Quakers.

128. MASSACHUSETTS. JULY SESSION, 1728. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-fourth | Day of July following, and then met. | Small folio ( $11 \frac{1}{16}$  by  $7 \frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Without colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1728]

COLLATION: pp. 413-416.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 66; *Tower*, No. 222; *Evans*, No. 3057.

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Contains among other acts, that for the repeal of the act for the punishment of Duelling.

129. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1729. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun & Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | And continued . . . to Salem | the Second of April, 1729. | Small folio ( $11 \frac{1}{16}$  by  $7 \frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1729]

COLLATION: pp. 417-419, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 67; *Tower*, No. 223; *Evans*, No. 3182.

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Among other acts is one for allowing supplies to the Eastern Indians.

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130. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1730. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and | Held at Salem upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
eighth Day of May, | 1729. And continued . . . | to Boston the  
Nineteenth Day of November following. |

### ALSO

[Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General  
Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Cambridge upon Wednes-  
day the Twenty-seventh Day of | May, 1730. and continued . . .  
to Wednesday | the Ninth Day of September following, and con-  
tinued . . . | to Roxbury and thence to Boston. |

The two sessions issued as one part. Small folio (11 11/16 by 7 7/8),  
sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, October 31, 1730. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 421-436. The first of the above was not printed till after  
October, 1730, when it was issued with the second.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 68; *Tower*, Nos. 224 and 225;  
*Evans*, Nos. 3306 and 3307.

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131. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Tenth  
Day of February, 1730 [Wrongly numbered, should be 1731.] |  
Small folio (11 11/16 by 7 7/8), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, April 24th. 1731. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 437-456.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 69; *Tower*, No. 226; *Evans*, No.  
3440.

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N. Y. S.; C. U.

Among other acts is one empowering the Commissioners to determine the  
Bounds between Massachusetts and New-Hampshire.

132. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth  
Day of May, 1731. | Small folio (11 11/16 by 7 7/8), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, Aug. 18th. 1731. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 457-462.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 69; *Tower*, No. 227; *Evans*, No.  
3441.

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133. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
sixth Day of May, 1731. | and continued . . . unto Wednesday  
the Third | Day of November following. | Small folio (11 3/4 by  
7 1/8), sheets. [No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1731]

COLLATION: pp. 463-468.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 288; *Evans*, No.  
3442.

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N. Y. S.; C. U.

Among other acts is one for supplies for the Eastern and Western Indians.

134. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
sixth Day of May | 1731. and continued . . . | unto Wednesday  
the First Day of December following. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7 1/8),  
sheets. [No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1732]

COLLATION: pp. 469-476.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 229; *Evans*, No.  
3564.

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N. Y. S.

Among other acts is one relative to the exemption from taxation of Quakers.

135. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1732. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first  
Day of May, 1732. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7 1/8), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, July 1. 1732. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 477-483, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 230; *Evans*, No.  
3565.

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N. Y. S.

Among other acts is one relating to the erecting of the town of Harvard.

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136. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1732. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May 1732. | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the first Day of | November following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] The foregoing Acts were Published, Jan. 6. 1732.  
[Boston: S. Kneeland, 1733]

COLLATION: pp. 485-490.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 71; *Tower*, No. 231; *Evans*, No. 3679.

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137. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1733 [wrongly printed, should be 1732] | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the Fourth | Day of April following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] The seven foregoing Acts were published, April 28. 1733. [Boston: S. Kneeland]

COLLATION: 491-498.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 71; *Tower*, No. 232; *Evans*, No. 3680.

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138. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1733]

COLLATION: pp. 499-500.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 72; *Tower*, No. 233-500; *Evans*, No. 3681.

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139. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth  
Day of May 1733. | and continued . . . unto, Wednesday the |  
Third Day of October following. |

ALSO

JANUARY SESSION, 1734. ACTS AND LAWS | Passed by the Great  
and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held | at Boston, upon  
Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733, and | continued  
. . . unto Thursday the Twenty-fourth Day of January fol-  
lowing. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7 7/8), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

COLLATION: pp. 501-510.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 72; *Tower*, Nos. 234 and 235;  
*Evans*, Nos. 3790 and 3682.

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M. H. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.  
Contains the act for erecting the town of Rumford.

The first of the above was probably not printed until the early part of 1734,  
as the last page of same forms the first of the next signature, and the caption  
of the second is without the royal arms.

140. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
begun and held | Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of  
May 1733, and | continued . . . unto Wednesday the Tenth |  
Day of April following. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7 7/8), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

COLLATION: pp. 511-512.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 73; *Tower*, No. 236; *Evans*, No.  
3791.

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141. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth  
Day of May 1734. | Small folio (11 3/4 by 7 7/8), sheets.

[Colophon.] The Eleven foregoing Acts were Publish'd July 6,  
1734. [Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

COLLATION: pp. 513-525, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 73; *Tower*, No. 237; *Evans*, No.  
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M. H. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.  
Contains among other acts those for erecting the townships of Hallifax,  
Somers and Litchfield; also the one exempting *Anabaptists* from taxation.

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142. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
ninth Day of May 1734, | and continued . . . unto Wednesday  
the Twentieth | Day of November following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$   
by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] The four foregoing Acts were published, Jan. 4.  
1734. [Boston: John Draper]

COLLATION: pp. 527-530.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 74; *Tower*, No. 238; *Evans*, No.  
3923.

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Contains the act for erecting the township of Tewksbury.

143. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
begun and held at Boston, upon | Wednesday the Twenty-ninth  
Day of May 1734, and continued by | . . . unto Wednesday the  
Ninth Day of April following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to His  
Excellency the Governour and Council. [1735]

COLLATION: pp. 531-534.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 74; *Tower*, No. 239; *Evans*, No.  
3924.

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Contains the acts for erecting the townships of Taunton, Dighton and  
Grafton.

144. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth  
Day of May 1735. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . 1735

COLLATION: pp. 535-549, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 75; *Tower*, No. 240; *Evans*, No.  
3925.

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145. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May 1735. | And continued . . . to Wednesday the Nineteenth Day | of November following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . || [1736]

COLLATION: pp. 551-558.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 75; *Tower*, No. 241; *Evans*, No. 4034.

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Contains the act regulating trade with the Indians.

146. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at Boston, upon | Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May 1735, and continued by | . . . unto Wednesday the Seventeenth of March following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . || [1736]

COLLATION: pp. 559-560.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 76; *Tower*, No. 242; *Evans*, No. 4035.

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147. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May 1736. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), sheets.

Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . 1736

COLLATION: pp. 561-564.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 76; *Tower*, No. 243; *Evans*, No. 4036.

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148. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION LAWS, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May 1736. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-fourth | Day of November following and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets, slight tear in margin of one leaf.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by John Draper . . . || [1737]  
COLLATION: pp. 565-592.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 77; *Tower*, No. 244; *Evans*, No. 4157.  
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149. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1737. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston, | upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May 1737. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, Printed by J. Draper . . . || [1737]  
COLLATION: pp. 593-626.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 78; *Tower*, No. 245; *Evans*, No. 4158.  
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Contains the acts relative to the supplies for the Indians, and the making of small bills of several denomination, with illustrations of the latter.
150. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1737. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston, | upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May 1737, and continued by | . . . to Wednesday the 30th Day of November | following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . [1738]  
COLLATION: pp. 627-644.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 79; *Tower*, No. 246; *Evans*, No. 4265.  
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151. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1742. The | Charter | Granted by their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, | to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts- | Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |  
The two works in one vol. small folio (11½ by 7½), original sheep, rebacked, with new labels.

Boston in New-England: | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | by Order of His Excellency the Governor, Council and | House of Representatives. MDCCXLII. [1742]

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 12; Explanation to Charter, pp. 13-14; Table, pp. 28; Title to Acts, one leaf verso, authorization for printing; Acts, pp. 333, verso of last blank; Session for March [1743] pp. 335-337. This is the last Session of the General Court of 1742-1743. The imprint on both titles reads the same.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 87; *Tower*, No. 262; *Evans*, Nos. 5002, 5003 and 5236.

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Both Tower and Evans include in their pagination the Session for March, 1743.

This session, though included in the General Index, was printed later than the body of the work, and its inclusion in the Index shows that the latter must also have been printed after March, 1743. The session has its own caption with the royal arms, and its own colophon.

The Acts and Laws in this issue comprise the years 1692 to 1742, inclusive.

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152. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1742. Temporary | Acts and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), three-quarter cardinal crushed levant morocco, gilt back, title-page neatly hinged at inner margin, corner of one leaf repaired.

Boston, N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | by Order of His Excellency the Governoeur, Council and | House of Representatives. MDCCXLII. [1742]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST REVISED EDITION OF THE TEMPORARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS, with the Index covering first 74 pages.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso authorization of printing; Table, pp. 4; Acts, pp. 1-74 + 75-76, 77-81 (verso blank), and 83-89 (verso blank).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 85; *Tower*, Nos. 351, 352, 353, and 354; *Evans*, Nos. 5004, 5240, 5241, and 5242.

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PERFECT COPY OF THIS ISSUE, WITH ADDITIONAL ACTS, each with its own colophon, and paged continuously. The four pages of Table, covering pages 75 to 205, mentioned by Tower and Evans, were issued later, and are not included in this issue.

These Laws cover dates from May 26, 1736, to May 26, 1742, inclusive. The additional Acts are,—

(1) An Act, Passed by the Great and General Court . . . of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay . . . Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth Day of May. And continued by Adjournment and Prorogations unto Thursday the thirty first of March following. *Tower*, No. 352.

(2) Acts and Laws, . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May, 1743. *Tower*, No. 353.

(3) Acts and Laws . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May, 1743, and continued . . . to Thursday the eighth Day of September following.

Each one of the additional Acts has Royal Arms at top of first page.

153. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] | An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty fifth Day of May 1743. | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheet.

[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green . . . || . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 339-340.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 89; *Tower*, No. 263; *Evans*, No. 5237.

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154. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1743. | and continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the eighth Day of September following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

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COLLATION: pp. 341-344.

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155. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the twentieth of October following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green . . . || . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

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Contains the act for more speedy finishing of the Land Bank.

156. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the eighth Day of February following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

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157. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the eighth Day of February following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green . . . || . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]
- COLLATION: pp. 353-356.  
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Contains the act relative to the Land Bank.
158. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | to Thursday the ninth Day of August following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, || . . . MDCCXLIV. [1744]
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Contains the act for the more speedy finishing of the Land Bank.
159. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | . . . to the tenth Day of October following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, || . . . MDCCXLIV. [1744]
- COLLATION: pp. 361-362.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 95; *Tower*, No. 269; *Evans*, No. 5429.  
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Contains the act to appropriate part of Governour's Island, Boston Harbor, for government use.

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160. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth  
Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the  
twenty-eighth Day of November | following. | Small folio (11½  
by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy  
Green, | | . . . 1745

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161. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1745. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty  
ninth-Day of May 1745. And continued by | . . . to Wednes-  
day the eleventh Day of December | following. Small folio  
(11½ by 7½), sheets.

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and | Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLV. [1745]

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5627.

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162. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1746. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-eighth  
of May 1746. And continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the sixth  
of November following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.  
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Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLVI. [1746]

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Contains act for making Taunton the County-town of Bristol County.

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163. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1747. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-  
seventh Day of May 1747, and continued by | Adjournments to  
Wednesday the twelfth Day of August following. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
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T. Green || . . . MDCCXLVII. [1747]

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164. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1748. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-  
seventh Day of May 1747, and continued . . . | . . . to Wed-  
nesday the third Day of February | following. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland  
and T. Green . . . || MDCCXLVII. [1747]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 103; *Evans*, No. 6180; *Tower*, No.  
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165. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1748. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and held at Boston | upon Wednesday the twenty-  
fifth Day of May 1748, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday  
the twenty-first Day of | December following, and then met. |  
Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland  
and T. Green, || . . . MDCCXCIX. [1749]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 105; *Evans*, No. 6353; *Tower*, No.  
274.

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N. Y. S.; A. A. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.

Contains among other acts that "for the more speedy finishing the Land  
Bank."

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166. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1749. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirty-  
first Day of May 1749, and contin- | ued . . . to the twenty-  
third of November follow- | ing, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T.  
Green, || . . . MDCCXLIX. [1749]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 108; *Evans*, No. 6354; *Tower*, No.

275.

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167. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1750. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirty-  
first Day of May 1749, and conti- | nued . . . to the twenty-  
second | Day of March following, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.

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and T. | Green . . . | . . . MDCCL. [1750]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 109; *Evans*, No. 6535; *Tower*, No.

276.

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168. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1750. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begin and Held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth  
Day of May 1750, and continued | . . . to Wednesday the  
twenty-sixth of September following. Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ),  
sheet.

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Green . . . | . . . 1750

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277.

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169. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the thir-  
tieth Day of May 1750; and con- | tinued . . . to Thursday  
the tenth of January following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ),  
sheets.  
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Green . . . | . . . 1750
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278.
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H. S. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.
170. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the thir-  
tieth Day of May 1750; and con- | tinued . . . to Wednesday  
the twenty- | seventh Day of March following. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ),  
sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1751
- COLLATION: pp. 405-410.  
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No. 279.
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H. S. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.  
Contains the act "for the more speedy finishing the Land Bank."
171. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and Held at Boston | upon Wednesday the twenty-  
ninth Day of May 1751, and continued . . . | . . . to Friday  
the twenty-seventh Day of December following. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1752
- COLLATION: pp. 421-424.  
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282.
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A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.  
Contains the act for erecting the township of Danvers.

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172. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1752. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and Held | at Concord . . . upon Wednesday  
the twenty- | seventh Day of May 1752. And continued . . .  
to Wed- | nesday the twenty-second Day of November follow-  
ing, and then met | at Cambridge. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ),  
sheet.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1753

COLLATION: pp. 431-432.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 117; *Evans*, No. 7047; *Tower*, No.  
285.

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S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.  
Contains the acts for erecting the townships of Shirley and Southampton.

173. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
. . . Begun and Held | at Concord . . . upon Wednesday  
the twenty- | seventh Day of May 1752. And continued . . .  
. . . to Wednesday the twenty-eighth of March following. |  
and then met at Boston. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1753

COLLATION: pp. 433-438.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 117; *Evans*, No. 7048; *Tower*, No.  
286.

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S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; M. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S. (pp. 433-436).  
Contains the act for erecting the township of Groton.

174. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begin and held at Boston | . . . upon Wednesday the thirtieth  
Day of | May, 1753. | Small folio (12 by 8), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1753

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175. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court. . .  
| . . . Begun and held at | Boston . . . upon the thirtieth of  
May 1753 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Tuesday the fourth  
Day of Decem- | ber, 1753. | Small folio (12½ by 8¼), sheets,  
uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1754

COLLATION: pp. 447-452.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 121; *Evans*, No. 7241; *Tower*, No.  
289.

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S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; M. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S. (pp. 447-450).  
Contains acts for incorporating the Marine-Society, and erecting the Dis-  
tricts of Granville and Montague.

176. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1755. Temporary |  
Acts and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massa-  
chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio  
(11¾ by 7½), three-quarter cardinal crushed levant morocco,  
gilt back, top corner of title-page repaired, stencilled stamp partly  
removed from title, slight stain on leaves of table. In cloth  
slip-case.  
Boston, N. E. | Printed by Order of His Excellency the Gover-  
nour, | Council and House of Representatives: | And Sold by S.  
Kneeland in Queen-Street. | 1755

RARE ISSUE.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, authorization for printing; Table, pp. 4  
(should be 8); 2 blank leaves inserted; Acts, pp. 166, one blank leaf inserted.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 125; *Tower*, No. 401; *Evans*, No.  
7467.

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B. P.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

Contains Laws covering dates from May 26, 1736 to March 31, 1755.

The Acts contain among others, those relating to the Boundary between  
New York and Massachusetts, the French Encroachments, the building of a  
Fort at Kennebeck River, Trade with the Indians, etc.

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177. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1759. The | Charter | Granted by their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, | to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |  
The two volumes in one, small folio (11 3/4 by 7 1/2), rebound in  
calf, signature on title and fly-leaf.

Boston, in New-England: | Printed by S. Kneeland, by Order  
of His Excellency the | Governor, Council and House of Repre-  
sentatives. | MDCCLIX. [1759]

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 1-12;  
Explanation to Charter, pp. 13-14; Table, pp. 24; Title to Laws, one leaf,  
verso, authorization for printing; Acts, pp. 396 (pp. 323-324 are dropt by the  
printer, the signature is complete without same).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 146; *Tower*, No. 311; *Evans*, Nos.  
8400 and 8399.

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N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.;  
C. H. S.; C. U.

This issue covers the Acts and Laws from 1692 to 1757, inclusive. The  
Index to this copy has manuscript additions to later laws, in the autograph  
of Shearjab Bourne, whose signature appears on fly-leaf in several places accom-  
panied by dates of 1765, 1769 and 1776.

178. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
| | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
sixth Day of May, 1756. And continued . . . | to the sixth  
Day of January following, and then met. | Small folio (11 1/4 by  
7 1/2), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland, 1761]

COLLATION: pp. 411-414.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 153; *Tower*, No. 314; *Evans*, No.  
8915.

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This session was not printed until after the May Session, 1761.

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179. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] | An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-eighth Day of May, | 1760. And continued . . . until Wednesday the | twenty-fifth of March following, and then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .  
1761

COLLATION: pp. 397-403, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 152; *Tower*, No. 312; *Evans*, No. 8913.

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180. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh Day of May, | 1761. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .  
1761

COLLATION: pp. 405-409, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 152; *Tower*, No. 313; *Evans*, No. 8914.

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Contains the act for erecting the township of Great-Barrington.

181. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May, 1761. and continued . . . | unto Thursday the twelfth Day of November following, and | then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston N E: | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . || M,DCC,LXI. [1761]

COLLATION: 415-418.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 153; *Tower*, No. 315; *Evans*, No. 8916.

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Contains the act for erecting Ware-River Parish.

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182. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May, 1761, and continued . . . | unto Wednesday the thirteenth Day of January following, | and then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . || M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 419-429, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 154; *Tower*, No. 316; *Evans*, No. 9173.

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Contains the act for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians; also acts for erecting the townships of Sandisfield, Bernardston, Templetown, Tyringham, Natick, and Athol.

183. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh Day of May, 1761, and continued . . . | unto Wednesday the fourteenth Day of April following and | then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheet.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . || M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 155; *Tower*, No. 317; *Evans*, No. 9174.

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184. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth | Day of May, 1762. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . || M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 433-436.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 155; *Tower*, No. 318; *Evans*, No. 9175.

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Contains the acts for incorporating the towns of Windham, Chesterfield, Oakham, and Pepperellborough.

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185. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.]  
| Acts and Laws, | Passed by Great and General Court . . . |  
Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth |  
Day of May, 1762. And continued . . . to Wednesday the |  
eighth of September following, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . ||

M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 437-439, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 156; *Tower*, No. 319; *Evans*, No. 9176.

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Contains the acts for erecting the townships of South-Brimfield and Bowdoinham.

186. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1763. Temporary | Acts  
and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by  
7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half red crushed levant morocco, lettered.  
Boston; New-England: | Printed by Order of His Excellency  
the Governor, | Council and House of Representatives: | And  
Sold by Green and Russell in Queen-Street. | MDCCCLXIII. |

[1763]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY OF THIS RARE ISSUE, A FEW MARGINS  
UNCUT.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, authorization for printing; Table pp. x; Note ordering certain Acts to be left out, one leaf, verso blank; one blank leaf inserted; Titles to Acts, viii; Laws, pp. 1-139, verso of last blank, 141-179, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 157; *Tower*, No. 437; *Evans*, No. 9430.

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These Laws cover dates from May 26, 1736 to January 12, 1763, inclusive, and include among others, those relating to trade with the Indians.

Inscription on title,—*For Mr. Wolcott, 1764.*

The Royal Arms appear also at top of page 141, before December, 1760 session.

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187. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth Day of May, | 1762. and continued . . . to Wednesday the twelfth | of January following, and then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, N.E. Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .  
1763

COLLATION: pp. 441-444.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 157; *Tower*, No. 320; *Evans*, No. 9428.

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Contains the act for incorporating the township of Warwick.

188. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May, 1763. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N.E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . ||  
M,DCC,LXIII. [1763]

COLLATION: pp. 445-450.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 158; *Tower*, No. 321; *Evans*, No. 9429.

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Contains the acts for incorporating the towns of Wilbraham and Wellfleet.

189. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth | Day of May 1763, and continued . . . to Wed- | nesday the twenty-second Day of December next, and then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, N.E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . ||  
M,DCC,LXIV. [1764]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 159; *Tower*, No. 322; *Evans*, No. 9721.

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Contains the acts for erecting the towns of Newbury-Port, Topsham and Fitchburg.

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190. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun | and held at Concord, upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day of | May, 1764. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .

MDCCLXIV. [1764]

COLLATION: pp. 457-458.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 159; *Tower*, No. 323; *Evans*, No. 9722.

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Contains act for erecting the town of Winchendon.

191. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY[?] SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | An Act of Parliament, | Passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second. 1733. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland, 1764]

COLLATION: pp. 459-477, one blank, numbered as follows, 459, 160, 161, 164, 463-470, 469-477.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 161; *Tower*, No. 324; *Evans*, No. 9723.

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Contains the Act for "Encouraging the Trade of the British Sugar Colonies in America."

On page 464, is "An Act of Parliament, passed in the | Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King | George the Third. 1764. |" granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, better known as the Stamp Act.

This is the issue with the ornamental "W" in "Whereas" on first page.

192. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Concord, upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day | of May, 1764. And continued . . . to | Thursday the eighteenth Day of October following, and then | met at Boston. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . . 1764

COLLATION: pp. 479-480.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 325; *Evans*, No. 9724.

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Contains the acts for erecting the townships of Gorham and Boothby.

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193. MASSACHUSETTS. HOUSE JOURNAL, 1764. Journal | Of the Honourable House of | Representatives, | Of His Majesty's Province of the | Massachusetts-Bay, | in | New-England, | Begun and held at Concord, in the County of Mid- | dlesex, on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May, | Annoque Domini, 1764. | [Royal Arms.] | [ALSO] Votes | Of the Honorable House of Representatives. Folio (12½ by 7½), new boards, uncut.  
Boston: N.E. | Printed by Green and Russell . . . || M,DCCLXIV. [1764]

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REFERENCES: *Ford*, Page 76; *Evans*, No. 9732.

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194. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1765. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Concord | . . . upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May, 1764 . . . | continued . . . to Wednesday the | Ninth Day of January following, and then met at | Boston in the County of Suffolk. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston; New-England: | Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper . . . | . . . 1765

COLLATION: pp. 481-489, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 163; *Evans*, No. 10052; *Tower*, No. 326.

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Contains the acts for erecting the towns of Royalston and Ashburnham.

195. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1765. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . || . . . Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . upon Wednesday the Twenty- | ninth Day of May, 1765. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper . . . | . . . 1765

COLLATION: pp. 491-497, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 165; *Evans*, No. 10053; *Tower*, No. 327.

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Contains act for erecting the townships of Bristol, Williamstown, Richmont, Becket, Lanesborough, Charlemont, and Ashfield.

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196. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1766. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . upon Wednesday  
the Twenty- | ninth Day of May, 1765; and continued . . . |  
. . . unto Wednesday the fifteenth Day of | January, 1766, and  
then met. Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper  
. . . | . . . 1766

COLLATION: pp. 501-503, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 167; *Evans*, No. 10370; *Tower*,  
No. 329.

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H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

197. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1767. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . begun and held at Boston, the Twenty- | seventh Day  
of May 1767, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the 30th  
of De- | cember following, and then met. Small folio (13 $\frac{3}{4}$  by  
8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston; New-England, | Printed by Richard Draper,  
and Green & Russell, Printers | to the Government, 1768

COLLATION: pp. 543-548.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 172; *Evans*, No. 10959; *Tower*, No.  
336.

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H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

198. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1769. | [Royal Arms.] | An  
Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun  
and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Thirty-first  
Day of May, 1769. | Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut, last  
leaf torn into, without loss of text.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard | Draper, and Green and  
Russell | Printers to the Government, 1769

COLLATION: 13 pages, numbered, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, and one  
blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 173; *Evans*, No. 11328; *Tower*,  
No. 507.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P. (Imperfect).

Contains the "Act for appropriating and assessing a Tax of Thirty Thousand  
Pounds."

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199. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1781. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and |  
held at Boston . . . on Wed- | nesday the Twenty-fifth Day |  
of October, A.D. 1780; | . . . continued . . . to Wed- | nesday |  
the Eleventh Day of April, 1781, and then | met. | Small folio |  
(11 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXI. [1781]

COLLATION: pp. 51-74.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17213.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.

The last act passed is that for May 18, 1781.

200. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1781. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and |  
held | at Boston . . . on Wednesday | the Twenty-eighth Day |  
of May, A.D. 1781. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXI. [1781]

COLLATION: pp. 75-85, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17214.

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N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for July 6, 1781.

201. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun | and |  
held at Boston . . . on | Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of |  
May, A.D. 1781; | . . . continued . . . to | Wednesday the Six- |  
teenth Day of January 1782; | and then met. | Small folio |  
(11 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 109-121, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17589.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for establishing a National Bank.

The last act passed is that for March 8, 1782.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

202. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
| held at Boston . . . on Wednesday the Thirtieth of May,  
A.D. 1781; and | . . . continued . . . to Wednesday | day the  
Eleventh Day of April, 1782, and then met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{4}$   
by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 123-131, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17590.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
M. H. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for May 9, 1782.

203. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
held | at Boston . . . on Wednesday | the Twenty-ninth Day  
of May, 1782. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed, figures in ink  
on some margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 133-163, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17591.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act relative to "the Springfield Lands Incorporated."

The last act passed is that for May 4, 1782.

204. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1783. Acts and Laws |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
held | at Boston . . . Wednesday the | Twenty-ninth Day of  
May, A.D. 1782; . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednesday |  
the Twenty-ninth Day of January following, and | then met. |  
Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes & Sons, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXIII. [1783]

COLLATION: pp. 207-245, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18022.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.;  
M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for "apprehending and securing Deserters from the  
Continental Army."

The last act passed is that for March 25, 1783.

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205. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty- | Eighth Day of May . . . 1783; | . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the Twenty-First Day of January, 1784, and then met. | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut. | [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 49-129, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18588.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains acts for establishing a Bank in the state; Incorporating the Marine Society at Salem; appointing Commission on Boundary Line between New York and Massachusetts; Incorporating the Academy of Leicester, etc.

The last act passed is that for March 23, 1784.

206. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty-Sixth | Day of May . . . 1784. | Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams & Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

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COLLATION: pp. 131-196.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18589.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.

Contains the act relative to the Commissioners on the Boundary line between New York and Massachusetts.

The last act passed is that for July 9, 1784.

207. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty-Sixth | Day of May . . . 1784; and | . . . continued . . . | to Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of | October following. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), boards, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams & Nourse, || [1784]

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COLLATION: pp. 197-218.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18590.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act relative to the incorporation of *Derby School* in Hingham.

The last act passed is that for November 13, 1784.

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208. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1785. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the 25th Day of May, A.D. 1785; | . . . continued . . . to | Wednesday the 19th Day of October following. | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , sheets, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams & Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXV. [1785]

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COLLATION: pp. 314-342, verso of last blank. Odd numbers on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19080.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for November 30, 1785.

209. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1786. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . . . . to Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of September following. | Folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXVI [1786]

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COLLATION: pp. 487-545 [544]; there are two pages numbered 526, after which the odd numbers are on the left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19780.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act confirming the Treaty with the Penobscot Indians.

The last act is that passed November 17, 1786.

210. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . . . . to Wednesday the thirty-first Day of January, 1787. | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 546-627; the odd numbers are on the left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20496.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for February 14, 1787.

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211. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the | twenty-fifth Day of April 1787. | Small folio (11 by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, |||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

COLLATION: pp. 628-630, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20497.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for May 1, 1787.

212. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1787. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, |||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 632-644, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20498.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

213. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1787 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the seventeenth Day of | October following. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, |||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 646-665; the odd numbers are on the left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20499.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for November 21, 1787.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

214. MASSACHUSETTS. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1788. The | Perpetual Laws, | of the | Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts, | from the | Establishment of its Constitution | to the First | Session of the General Court, A.D. 1788. | Compiled, Arranged and Printed | To the Wishes of many respectable Law Characters, and | the Approbation of the Honourable Judges of the | Supreme Judicial Court. | Carefully Compared with the Original Acts. | | | 8vo (7½ by 4½), rebound in calf, slight stain on few corners. Printed at Worcester, by Isaiah Thomas, | MDCCLXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certificate of Comparison, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Constitution, pp. 5-20; Statutes, pp. 21-344; Appendix, pp. 345-364; Index, pp. 365-380, last nine pages (381-389) missing.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 231; *Sabin*, No. 45932; *Evans*, No. 21245.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. C.; J. C. B.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; B. L.; N. Y. P.

215. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May . . . | . . . 1787 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Twenty-seventh Day of | February following. | Folio (13½ by 8¼), sewed, uncut, slight stain on some margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, | | | M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: pp. 662-693; odd numbers are on left-hand pages. No page numbers are dropped as stated by Evans.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21233.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for March 31, 1788.

Contains an act preventing slave trade.

216. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the twenty-eighth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1788. | Folio (13½ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

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COLLATION: pp. 694-715.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21234.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for June 20, 1788.

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217. MASSACHUSETTS. HOUSE RESOLVE, 1783. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | In the House of Representatives, July 11, 1783. | [Text of Resolution.] | Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | In Senate, June 5, 1788. | [Text of Resolution.] Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | Secretary's Office, Boston, June 11, 1788. | [Text of letter transmitting Resolutions, signed in the autograph of John Avery, Secretary.] Folio, broadside.  
[Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, 1788]

This contains the Resolutions of the General Court of Massachusetts in relation to the return of bounties paid to soldiers during the American Revolutionary War.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21241. No copy located.

218. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May . . . | . . . 1788 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Twenty-ninth Day of | October following. | Folio (13½ by 8½), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: pp. 716-722, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21235.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; M. H. S.

The last act passed is that for November 22, 1788.

219. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1789. [General Title-page.] Laws | of the Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts. | Passed by the General Court: | Begun and holden at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on Wed- | nesday the Twenty-Seventh of May, Anno Domini, 1789. | Volume II. | Folio (13¾ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut, writing in ink on title, some pages stained. Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXIX. [1789]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, with regular caption, pp. 3-32.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, Nos. 21944 and 21945.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for June 25, 1789.

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220. MASSACHUSETTS. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1789. The | Perpetual Laws | of the | Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts, | From the Commencement of the Constitution, | in October, 1780, | To the Last Wednesday in May, 1789. | To which are Prefixed, | The Declaration of Independence, the Articles | of Confederation, the Constitution of the | Commonwealth, the Treaty of Peace, between | Great-Britain and America, and the Constitu- | tion of the United States. | Published by Order of the General Court. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), original sheep and leather labels.

Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | Printers to the Hon-  
ourable General Court. | M,DCC,LXXXIX. | [1789]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY, A FEW LEAVES SHOW UNCUT EDGES.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; In Congress, July 4, 1776, Declara-  
tion, 4pp.; Articles of Confederation, pp. 3-7, verso of last blank; Constitu-  
tion of Massachusetts, pp. 9-27, verso of last blank; Definitive Treaty, pp.  
29-34; Constitution of the United States, pp. 35-48; Laws, pp. 1-495, verso of  
last blank; Index, pp. vi.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 232; *Sabin*, No. 45932;  
*Tower*, No. 350; *Evans*, No. 21948.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. S. P.; L. C.; M. H. S.; H. L.;  
N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.

221. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1790. [Arms of Massa-  
chusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of  
Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday  
the Twenty-seventh Day of May . . . | . . . 1789 . . . con-  
tinued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the thirteenth of January |  
following. | Small folio (12 by 8), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams, || [1790]

COLLATION: pp. 33-74.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22650.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1790.

222. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1790. [Arms of Massa-  
chusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of  
Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday  
the Twenty-sixth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1790. | Folio  
(13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original wrappers, uncut, slight stain on margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams, || [1790]

COLLATION: pp. 75-87, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22651.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the "Act to-set off to the Patentees and other Purchases, certain  
Lands on the Island of Chapequiddick, in the County of Dukes-County, and  
finally to adjust and determine all disputes between said Patentees and other  
Purchasers, and the Indians on said Island."

The last act passed is that for June 24, 1790.

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223. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1791. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May . . . | . . . 1790 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the Twenty-eighth | Day of January following. | Folio (12 by 8), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams . . . || M,DCC,XCI. [1791]

COLLATION: pp. 75-105, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23548, where pages are given as pp. 89-105.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M. (wrongly paged); L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Humane Society of Massachusetts*, and *Hallowell Academy*.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1791.

224. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1791. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1791. | Folio (13½ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Thomas Adams . . . | . . . 1791

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COLLATION: pp. 107-120.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23547.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for establishing the Boundary Line between Brookfield and New-Braintree.

The last act passed is that for June 18, 1791.

225. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of January, Anno | Domini, 1792. | Folio (12 by 8), sewed.

[Colophon.] Printed in Boston, | At the State Press, by Thomas Adams, || M,DCC,XCII. || [1792]

COLLATION: pp. 121-189, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24516.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Academy of Fryeburg*, *The Massachusetts Society for the Promoting of Agriculture*, and *Washington Academy* in Machias.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1792.

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226. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1792. | Small folio (10½ by 7), sewed.

[Colophon.] Printed in Boston, Massachusetts: | At the State Press, by Thomas Adams, || 1792

COLLATION: pp. 191-222.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24517.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Society in Rehoboth*, the *Union Bank*, and *Joseph Storer* for a better Harbour in *Mousom-River*.

The last act passed is that for June 29, 1792.

227. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May . . . | . . . 1792 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Se- | cond Day of November, at Concord, in the Coun- | ty of Middlesex. | Folio (14 by 9), sheets, uncut, slight tear at corner of first leaf.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Thomas Adams. || [1792]

COLLATION: pp. 223-230.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24518.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for ascertaining the Boundary Line between Franklin and Medway; also the act for incorporating the *Marblehead Academy*.

The last act passed is that for November 17, 1792.

228. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1794. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of | May, Anno Domini, 1794. | Folio (14 by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: (Massachusetts) | Printed at the State-Press, by Adams and Larkin, || M,DCC,XIV. [1794]

COLLATION: pp. 405-434.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act for incorporating *Bowdoin College*.

The last act passed is that for June 26, 1794.

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229. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1795. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the Twenty-eighth | Day of May . . . 1794 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednes- | day, the Fourteenth Day of January, 1795. | Folio (15 by 9), sewed, uncut, manuscript index on first margin. [Colophon.] Boston (Massachusetts) | Printed at the State Press, by Adams and Larkin, || M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

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COLLATION: pp. 435-491, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act for establishing the *New Salem Academy*.

The last act passed is that for February 28, 1795.

230. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1795. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May, Anno Domini, 1795. | Folio (14½ by 9), original wrappers, uncut, slightly stained. [Colophon.] Boston, (Massachusetts) | Printed at the State-Press, by Adams and Larkin, || 1795

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COLLATION: pp. 493-521, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Massachusetts Fire Insurance Company*, *The Massachusetts Society for the Aid of Emigrants*, *The Proprietors of the Cumberland Canal*, and the *Falmouth Canal*.

The last act passed is that for June 25, 1795.

231. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1796. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May . . . 1795 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednes- | day the Thirtieth day of January following. | Folio (14½ by 9½), sheets, uncut, few margins slightly mouse eaten. [Colophon.] Printed at the State Press by Adams & Larkin, 1796. [Boston]

COLLATION: pp. 523-582.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for February 27, 1796.

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232. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1796. [General Title.] Laws  
| of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several  
Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. III.  
[Arms of Massachusetts.] | [The twenty-fifth of May, 1796.]  
Folio (14½ by 9), original wrappers, uncut.  
Boston—(Massachusetts)— | Printed by Young and Minns, |||  
[1796]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 3-23, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act relative to the *Western and Palmer Turnpike Gate*.

The last act passed is that for June 18, 1796.

233. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1797. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of |  
Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday,  
the twenty-fifth Day of January, Anno Domini, 1797. |  
Folio (14¼ by 9), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1797]

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COLLATION: pp. 41-120.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts incorporating the *Deerfield Academy*, the establishing of a  
Turnpike Gate at Hoosick Mountains, incorporating the *Massachusetts Turn-  
pike Corporation*, etc.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1797.

234. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1797. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of |  
Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Tuesday, the  
thirty-first Day of May . . . 1797. | Folio (13¾ by 8¾), sewed,  
uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1797]

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COLLATION: pp. 121-154, one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

There is a long act relative to the spreading of Contagious Sickness.

The last act passed is that for June 23, 1797.

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235. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1798. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the tenth Day of January . . . 1798. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1798]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 155-206.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Contains act incorporating the *Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company*.

The last act passed is that for March 3, 1798.

236. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1798. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the thirteenth [thirtieth] day of May, and | ended on Friday the twenty-ninth day of June . . . | . . . 1798. Folio (13½ by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1798]

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COLLATION: pp. 207-236 (wrongly numbered 136), and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act relative to the cession of Castle Island to the United States.

237. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1799. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the tenth day of January . . . | . . . 1799. Folio (14 by 9), original wrappers, uncut, index, in manuscript on first page.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1799]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 237-294, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the acts relative to the incorporation of *The Boston Marine Insurance Company*; the *Williamstown Turnpike, etc.*

The last act passed is that for March 1, 1799.

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238. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1799. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-ninth day of May . . . | . . . 1799. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Massachusetts: | Printed by Young and Minns . . . || [1799]

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COLLATION: pp. 295-339, verso cf last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts incorporating the *Newbury-port Marine Insurance Company*, Boston and Salem Boards of Health, etc.

The last act passed is that for June 22, 1799.

239. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eighth of January . . . | . . . 1800. Folio (14½ by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young & Minns, 1800]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 341-410, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act incorporating *The Maine Fire and Marine Insurance Company*.

The last act passed is that for March 4, 1800.

240. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-eighth day of May, | . . . 1800. | Folio (14¼ by 8¾), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young and Minns, || [1800]

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COLLATION: pp. 411-438.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains act establishing the *Tenth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation*.

The last act passed is that for June 17, 1800.

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241. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eleventh day of November, | . . . 1800. Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1800]

COLLATION: pp. 439-441, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for November 15, 1800.

242. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1801. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eighteenth day of January, | . . . 1801.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1801]

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COLLATION: pp. 443-482.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act establishing the *Nantucket Academy*.

The last act passed is that for March 7, 1801.

243. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1801. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-seventh | day of May . . . 1801. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, some leaves uncut, slight stained.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young and Minns . . . [1801]

COLLATION: pp. 483-518.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act authorizing the Proprietors of the *Third Turnpike Road in New-Hampshire*, to extend the same to Townsend.

The last act passed is that for June 19, 1801.

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244. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1802. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the fourteenth | day of January . . . 1802. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1802]

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COLLATION: pp. 519-584.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act incorporating the *Salem Turnpike*.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1802.

245. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1802. [General Title.] Laws | of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. IV. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | [Session for May, 1802.] Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.

Boston—Massachusetts- | Printed by Young and Minns, | | | [1802]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-48.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts relative to the Turnpike Roads in Camden and Scarborough.

The last act passed is that for June 24, 1802.

246. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1803. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the thirteenth | day of January . . . 1803. | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 9), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, | | [1803]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 49-234, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Among the acts are various ones relating to Turnpike roads throughout the state.

The last act passed is that for March 8, 1803.

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247. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1803. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-fifth day of May, | . . . 1803. | Folio (14½ by 9), sewed, uncut, one leaf torn into, without loss of text.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, || [1803]

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COLLATION: pp. 235-324, and one blank leaf containing manuscript Index.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts relating to various Turnpike roads, etc.

The last act passed is that for June 23, 1803.

248. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1804. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held . . . | . . . the twelfth Day of Janu- | ary . . . 1804. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, || [1804]

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COLLATION: pp. 325-496.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1804.

249. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1804. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the fifteenth day of Novem- | ber . . . 1804. | [Also] . . . At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the seventeenth of Janua- | ry . . . 1805. | The two sessions in one vol. folio (14½ by 9), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, || [1805]

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COLLATION: November Session, 1804, pp. 543-545, verso of last blank; January Session, pp. 547-697, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for March 16, 1805.

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250. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1805. [General Title.] Laws | of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. V. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | [May Session, 1805.] Folio (14 by 9), original wrappers, uncut.  
Boston-Massachusetts, | Printed by Young and Minns, ||| [1805]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-29, verso of last blank, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for June 15, 1805.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

251. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1716. Acts | and | Laws, | Passed by the | General Court | or | Assembly | Of His Majesties | Province | of | New-Hampshire | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), original sheep.  
Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green: Sold by Eleazar Russel | at his Shop in Portsmouth. 1716

[See Illustration]

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE SECOND COMPILATION OF LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. The title-page is in exact photostat facsimile, as is to be expected, some of the margins are soiled.

COLLATION: Title (in photostat), one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. iv. (this is the second issue, the first leaf is somewhat imperfect and the second has margin torn into); Acts (Original Issue), pp. 1-59, verso of last blank; blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 542; *Sabin*, No. 52781; *Evans*, No. 1842.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; H. S. P.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P. (2 copies); S. L. M.; N. H. H. S.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

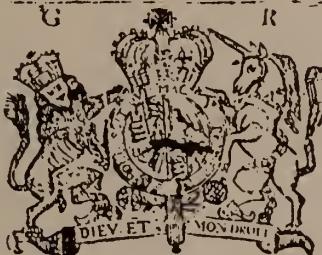
The "Table" is not the original, but the one printed with the Session Laws of 1718, and contains a list of the additional laws covering the same.

The last blank leaf is original. On both blank leaves are several signatures in ink, including those of, Abra. Perk, David Lawrence, Jonathan Smith, 1789, and Jonathan Norris, 1745. Laid in is the original document relative to the publication of these Laws; this is a one-page manuscript document in the autograph of Samuel Kevis, Clerk of the House of Representatives of New Hampshire, dated, May 15, 1711, relative to the appointment of a Committee to Revise the Laws.

This volume was for a long time supposed to be the first printed Laws of New Hampshire, but in 1888 a pamphlet, containing five Acts, passed at a Session in August, 1699, and printed at Boston in the same year, was discovered by Dr. George H. Moore. As the 1699 issue however contains only the Laws for the session of August for that year, it would seem that the present edition, 1716, would still have to be regarded as the first printed collection of New Hampshire Laws.

A census of the fourteen copies located shows 12 of them without the title-page.

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Of His Majesties  
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Boston in New-England:  
Printed by B. Green: Sold by Eleazar Russel  
at his Shop in Portsmouth. 1715.

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252. NEW HAMPSHIRE. MAY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms, above which are the two lines of the usual caption.] Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court or Assembly of the Province of | New-Hampshire in New-England: Begun and Held at Portsmouth, | the 13th Day of May, 1718. | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), sheets, tear in two leaves, no text missing, and as is to be expected, some leaves soiled, a blank portion of last leaf torn off.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by B. Green, . . . || 1718

COLLATION: pp. 61-131, verso of last blank. The Index, which was printed with this Session, is included in preceding item.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 543; *Evans*, No. 1985.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; H. L. S.; M. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.

Pages 91 to 98 contain the act for Regulating the Militia.

253. NEW HAMPSHIRE. MAY SESSION, 1719. [Royal Arms, with the usual two lines above.] Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesties Province | of New-Hampshire in New-England: Begun and Held at Portsmouth, | on the Second Day of May, 1719. | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), sheets, slight tears in first and last leaf, a few letters damaged on last, the last two leaves (pp. 153-156) are missing.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1719]

COLLATION: pp. 133-152.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.

Contains among other acts, those relating to the Militia and Purchases from the Indians.

254. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1761. Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | in | New-England. | With sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (12¾ by 7¾), original marbled wrappers, uncut.

Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. | 1761.

SPLENDID COPY, IN THE ORIGINAL WRAPPERS, AS ISSUED, ENTIRELY UNCUT, AND WITHOUT A BLEMISH.\* ONE OF THE FINEST COPIES EXTANT OF THIS COMPILATION, Known as "Fowle's First Edition". The title printed within an ornated type-border.

COLLATION: Two blank end-papers; title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. xii; Laws, pp. 240; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8943, where the collation is given as pp. (2), xii, 252, the additional pages referring apparently to an additional Session Law, not printed with this issue; Not in Sabin or Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.

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255. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1761. Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | In | New-England. | With Sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), old calf, new leather label, a small piece torn from lower margin of title destroying date and part of type-border. Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. [1761]

COLLATION: Same as preceding item, but without the blank leaves at end.  
On the fly-leaf is the signature of *Saml. Lane's Book, Stratham, Sept. 14th, 1761.*

256. NEW HAMPSHIRE. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1761. Temporary | Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | In | New-England. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. | 1761 [Colophon,—1766]

VERY RARE. The title-page is similar to that in the First Edition of Fowle's Laws of New Hampshire, only slight changes being made in the border, the main set-up is changed to comply with the new contents, but the authorization by the governor and imprint are the same. The colophon shows that these laws were printed in 1766.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 28, the last with colophon,—Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire; | Printed and Sold by D. & R. Fowle, 1766.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8945, where the pagination is given as pp. (2), 49, with the statement that the colophon is dated, 1768; Not in Tower or Sabin.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

257. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACT TO ESTABLISH FEES, 1768. [Laws of the Province] of New Hampshire. | Type-line.] Anno Regni Regis Tertii, . . . | | An Act | In Amendment of the Acts for establishing Fees | belonging to several Officers in this Province. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Portsmouth, New-Hampshire, | Printed and sold by D. and R. Fowle. 1768

COLLATION: pp. 39–49, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 10994.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

258. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1771. Acts and Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire. | in | New-England. | With sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the General Assembly. | To which is prefix'd the | Commissions | of | President Cuttss, Esq; | And His Excellency | John Wentworth, Esq; | Small folio (12 by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), half red morocco, top margin of title cut off above type border.  
Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel and Robert Fowle, | And Sold at their Office near the State-House. | 1771

FINE COPY OF FOWLE'S SECOND EDITION, WITH ADDITION OF TEMPORARY LAWS TO 1775. With two blank leaves at front.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Cuttss' Commission, pp. 6; Wentworth's Commission, pp. 8; Titles, pp. iv; Laws, pp. 1-272; Temporary Laws, pp. 1-51, verso of last blank; CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY LAWS, December 23, 1771-May 28, 1773, pp. 53-63, verso of last blank; Table, pp. xiii, verso of last blank. The 5pp. of the "Vice Admiral Commission" is not present.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 546, the continuation not mentioned; *Sabin*, Nos. 52782 and 52936; *Evans*, Nos. 12146 and 12880, the pagination of the continuation not cited by either of the latter. The "Continuation" in this copy slightly cut down.

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259. NEW HAMPSHIRE. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1778. State of New-Hampshire. | In the House of Representatives, | February 26th, 1778. [Text of Resolve.] | State of New-Hampshire. | To the Selectmen . . . | [Text of notification.] | Dated at Exeter the fourth day of March in the year of our | Lord, One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. | Attest, | M. Weare, President. | Small folio (11 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8), broadside. In cloth folder, lettered. [Colophon]. Printed [by Robert Fowle] at the Printing-Office in Exeter. [1778]

[See Illustration]

AN EXCESSIVELY RARE NEW HAMPSHIRE BROADSIDE, CONTAINING THE RESOLVE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CALLING UPON THE INHABITANTS TO MEET AT A CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CONCORD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT FOR THE STATE.

Unknown to Sabin and Evans. No copy recorded as sold at public sale in America.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives,

February 26th, 1778.

WHEREAS the present situation of Affairs in this State, make it necessary that a full and free Representation of the Inhabitants thereof, should meet in Convention for the sole Purpose of forming and laying a permanent Plan or System of Government for the future Happiness and well-being of the good People of this State, and this House having received Instructions from a considerable part of their Constituents for that Purpose

THEREFORE, VOTED AND RESOLVED,  
THAT the Honorable the PRESIDENT of the COUNCIL issue to every Town, Parish, and District, within this State, a Precept recommending to them to elect, and choose one, or more Persons as they shall judge expedient, to convene at Concord in said State on the tenth Day of June next, for the Purpose aforesaid, saving to the small Towns liberty to join two, or more together, if they see fit, to elect and send one Person to represent them in said Convention.

And such System or Form of Government as may be agreed upon by such Convention, being printed, and sent to each and every Town, Parish and District in this State, for the Approbation of the People, which System, or Form of Government being approved of by three fourth Parts of the Inhabitants of this State in their respective Town Meetings legally called for that Purpose. And a Return of such Approbation being made to said Convention, and confirmed by them shall remain as a permanent System or Form of Government of this State, and not otherwise, and that the Charge and Expence of each Member of such Convention be defrayed by their respective Electors.

Sent up for Concurrence, JOHN DUDLEY, speaker, P. T.  
In COUNCIL, the same Day, read and concurred.

E. THOMPSON, sec'y.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

To the Selectmen of

in said State.  
GREETING.

IN Pursuance of the above Vote of the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY. --- It is hereby recommended to you to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in your Town, giving them fifteen Days notice to meet at some convenient Place for the Purpose of acting on the above Vote of the General-Assembly. And make return hereof with your Doings herein on the said tenth Day of June next to the said Convention.

Dated at EXETER the fourth Day of March in the Year of our LORD, One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.  
Attest,

M. Weare, PRESIDENT.

Printed at the Printing-Office in Exeter.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

260. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1780. Acts | and | Laws of the | State | of | New-Hampshire, | in | America. | By Order of the General Assembly. | To which is prefixed, the | Resolution of the American Congress, | For Establishing a Form of Government | In New-Hampshire; | and the | Resolve of the Provincial Congress, | For taking up Government in Form. | With the | Declaration | of | Independence. | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), rebound in new sheep.  
America: | Printed at Exeter, in the State of | New-Hampshire.  
M.DC.LXXX. [1780]

FINE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE, PRINTED BY ZECHARIAH FOWLE. With the autograph signature of *Josiah Bartlett's Book*, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Titles of Laws, pp. [3]–vi; In Congress, Nov. 3, 1775, p. [1]; In Congress, Jan. 5, 1776, pp. 2–4; Acts, pp. 1–182.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52784, where the collation is given as pp. vi. 180; *Evans*, No. 16877, gives pp. 295, including laws to June 27, 1782.

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The Declaration of Independence occupies pp. 31–35. The Acts and Laws cover the years from 1776 to 1780, inclusive.

261. NEW HAMPSHIRE. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1789. The | Perpetual Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | from the | Session of the General-Court, July 1776, | to the | Session in December 1788, | Continued into the Present Year 1789, | Compiled and Arranged to the Wishes of | The Gentlemen of the Law, and under | the Direction of the General-Court. | Printed from attested copies of the original Acts. | [Line of quotation.] | 8vo(8 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original sheep and label.

Portsmouth: New-Hampshire, Printed by John | Melcher,  
M,DCC,LXXXIX. [1789]

FINE COPY OF THIS ISSUE, SOMETIMES CALLED "THE HORN BOOK." It is the first Compilation of New Hampshire Laws to be arranged alphabetically, by subjects, as well as one of the earliest examples of the official printing of laws in octavo size.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Report of Committee, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. [9]–14; Form of Government, pp. [15]–31, verso of last blank; Statutes, pp. 33–244; Index, pp. 245–256.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52892; *Evans*, No. 21997.

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262. NEW HAMPSHIRE. LAWS OF 1792. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | together with | The Declaration of Independence; | the | Definitive Treaty of Peace | between the | United States of America | and his Britannic Majesty; | The Constitution of New-Hampshire, | and | The Constitution of the United States, | with its Proposed Amendments. | [Three lines of authorization for printing.] | 8vo (8 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), rebound in full sheep, a few edges at top slightly gnawed.

Portsmouth: Printed by John Melcher, | 1792

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certificate for printing, one leaf, verso blank; 2 blank leaves; Declaration of Independence, pp. [9]-14; Treaty of Peace, pp. 15-21; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. 22-46; Constitution of the United States, pp. 47-62; Laws, pp. 63-375, verso blank; Index, pp. [377]-396.

REFERENCES: *Sabin* No. 52843; *Evans* No. 24585.

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This is the first real revision in New Hampshire. It was adopted at the Sessions of February and June, 1791, after having been reported by a commission. Most copies lack the two blank leaves before page 9 which this copy contains, this volume in its present state being probably unique.

263. NEW HAMPSHIRE. JUNE SESSION, 1792. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a Session | of the | Honorable General-Court, | Begun and Holden at Dover, | June, 1792. | Printed from Attested Copies, and since collated with | the Originals in the Secretary's Office. | 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 6), sewed, uncut, name on title.

Portsmouth: | Printed and sold by John Melcher, | 1792

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 397-422; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52843; *Evans*, No. 24586.

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264. NEW HAMPSHIRE. DECEMBER SESSION, 1796. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a Session of the | Honorable General-Court, | Begun and holden at Concord, | December, 1796. | Printed from Attested Copies. | 8vo (9 by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut, name on title and margin.

Portsmouth-New-Hampshire: | Printed by John Melcher . . . | 1797

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-22.

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265. NEW HAMPSHIRE. LAWS, 1797. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | The Constitution | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | and the | Constitution of the United States, with | its Proposed Amendments. | Printed by Order of the Honorable the General-Court. | 8vo (8 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 5), rebound in full sheep, small hole in title, corner of one leaf torn.

State of New-Hampshire: | Portsmouth:—Printed by John Melcher, | Printed to the State. | 1797

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. [5]-31; Attestation, p. [32]; Constitution of the United States, pp. 33-48; Acts, pp. 49-470; Index, pp. [471]-492.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Evidently an official compilation of such parts of the 1792 Revision as were still in force in 1797, with the Public Arts of the subsequent sessions inserted under their appropriate subjects.

266. NEW HAMPSHIRE. DECEMBER SESSION, 1799. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a session of the | Honorable General Court, | Begun and holden at Concord, | December, 1798. | Printed from Attested Copies. | 8vo (9 by 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed, uncut.

Portsmouth-New-Hampshire: | Printed by John Melcher . . . | 1799

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 517-530.

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